

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, October 13, 2019
10:30am

**Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday After Pentecost**

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music	<i>Jesus Love the Little Children</i>	pg. 5
	<i>Praise Him, All Ye Little Children</i>	pg. 6

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

The Lord will make a feast for all people
and destroy the power of death forever.

How can a mortal receive eternal life?

For God, all things are possible.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.

This is the good news we proclaim

***Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

Rain Down

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

Assurance of Pardon

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***Sung Response** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

Sermon We Are All God's Children Pastor Christina
Part 2 of a 4-Part Series, "Who Can Be Against Us?"

***Hymn #356** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response

Bless the Lord, My Soul

sing twice

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Morning Offering

Offertory

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

***Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

***Hymn #304**

Jesus Loves Me

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Readings

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

Phyllis Schmidt and family, on the loss of her son; Karen Moore; Beth Brostrom; Stacy Bosley Mockridge; Hannah Harlow; Sharon Froom; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; The Rev. George Gillette; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

Thanksgivings:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; An expected grand-baby in the church family this year; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Finance – Tuesday, 6:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Ministerial Assoc. – Wednesday, 11:45am – Hearthstone Oven
- If You Want to Walk – Wednesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Craft Show – Saturday, 9:00am – Youth For Christ Building, Alma

Service Volunteers – October 20, 2019:

- Vickie Thum, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers
- Rick Teal & Tom Heinlein, Counters
- _____, Coffee Hour

Last Week By the Numbers –October 6, 2019

Attendance: 55

Offering: \$2,025*

**Of that, \$181 was raised for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.*

New Members Classes October 13 & 20

If you're interested in becoming a member of Ithaca First Presbyterian Church, then we have the class for you! A 2-Part New Members Class is planned for October 13 & 20, during coffee hour. New members will be publicly received October 27 during worship.

2019 Potato Bar – October 26, 2019 @ Ithaca High School

Join us on October 26 from 5-7:30pm for our annual Potato Bar Fundraiser on Saturday, October 26. This free-will offering fundraiser is a benefit for the Ithaca Community Food Pantry. Questions? See Vickie Thum.

Mission Opportunity - Care and Comfort for Our Deployed Soldiers

The American Legion in our area has been supporting overseas troops for many years by sending care packages throughout the year. Last Christmas season 210 boxes were shipped totaling 1,995 pounds, including 1,596 cards, art from children and notes. The Mission & Fellowship Team sees this as another opportunity for our church members to share with and care for others. Throughout October we will collect items for our deployed soldiers and turn the collected items over to the American Legion to be sent overseas in time for Christmas. A list of needed items can be found near the church bulletin board and the collection container is located in the hallway outside the church office. Children's artwork, greeting cards, and written thank you notes are always welcome, and will find their way to our soldiers. If you are unable to shop for items but would still like to be a part of this project, we encourage you to write a note and/or make a monetary contribution to help with postage. (It costs about \$1.35 per pound to send packages to the soldiers.) If you have any questions, please see Ken Owen.



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