



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 25, 2017

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

REV. MATTHEW T. MEANS, PASTOR  
MR. KENNETH FRIESE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
MRS. DIANE STAROST, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MUSIC  
MS. TINA CODY, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND  
YOUTH MINISTRIES

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude                      Improvisation    *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit                      “Come, Christians, Join To Sing”    *M. Huff*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Call to Worship    —*Based on Psalm 139*

Minister:                      O Lord, you have searched me and known me;  
you know when I sit down and rise up.

**People:                      You search out my path and my lying down;  
you are acquainted with all of my ways.**

Minister:                      Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it completely.

**People:                      You hem me in, behind and before;  
you lay your hand upon me.**

Minister:                      Where can I go from your spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

People:                      **Even the darkness is not dark to you  
and the night is as bright as the day.**

Minister:                      Confident in the grace of God that claims us in love,  
let us worship our God together.

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn No. 29    “O God, You Search Me”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, your law is a gift, but we use it to judge one another as unacceptable. You call us to this time and place to worship you in spirit and truth, but our minds wander and fill with meaningless distractions.**

**You shower us with your love, but we long for more “things” that we pursue to satisfy our needs. You create us with gifts, skills, and talents to share your good news with all people, but we selfishly protect what we have in our own small corner of the world. You pour out your grace and love for us, but we pretend that we do not need these precious gifts.**

**Loving God, search us and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us and lead us again in your way of everlasting mercy and unconditional love. Burst through our complacency, transform our narrow perspectives, and forgive how far we have wandered from your way. Set us once more on the path of faithful discipleship as we seek to grow in our relationships with Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray ...**

*(Continue in silent prayer of confession.)*

Together, let all God’s people say, **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace.**

**To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri, No. 581

\*Passing of the Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

we also ought to forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Time with Our Young Disciples

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson                      Philippians 1:3-11

N.T. p.196/P.239-240

Leader:                      The Word of the Lord.

**People:                      Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                                “Celebrate The Day”                                *P. Choplin*  
  *Sanctuary Choir*

Second Lesson                    Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24                    O.T. p.577-578/P.710-711  
    Leader:                        The Word of the Lord.  
    **People:**                    **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                                ***“Are We There Yet?”***

\*Hymn No. 43                                “*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*”

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\*Affirmation of Faith --(*from A Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church U.S.A.*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying,  
“Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes and Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                                “Come Home”                                *C. Courtney*  
  *Ken Duncan/Sanctuary Choir*

\*Doxology No. 606

\*Prayer of Dedication & Choral Response

Prayers of the People and the 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 the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response, No. 601

*-Amen, Amen, Amen*

\*Organ Postlude

“Postlude on “Hymn To Joy”

*G. Young*

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Tina Cody, Lector

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain

Roger Ketcham, Jared Ponzetti, and Bill Roe

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*—This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the Means family's arrival.*

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

**New to the prayer list this week: Pat Lobasso (Joan Lobasso's husband) and James Schubauer (member),**

**Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:**

Kadi Cuneo (Worledge family friend), Stephanie Folk and her unborn baby (Leslie & Ralph Yovino's daughter), William Gray (Dorothy Mandrakos' father), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Kristin Keydel (Pam Fosella's sister), Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett's parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett's sister), Gerry Schult (member), Marian Voza (Holly Baptista's sister), Roberta Williams (member) and family, and Grace Youngquist (member).

*Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.*

*If you wish to have a name remain on the list,  
kindly contact the Church Office by noon on Wednesdays.*

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, New York, will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 25, 2017, for the following purposes:

- (1) to elect 6 members to serve as ruling Elders on the Session, class of 2020.
- (2) to elect 7 members to serve on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2020.
- (3) to elect 1 member to fill a two year vacancy on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2019.
- (4) to elect 1 member to fill the one year vacancy on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2018.
- (5) to elect 3 members to serve on the Board of Trustees, Class of 2020.
- (6) to elect 1 member to serve a one year vacancy on the Board of Trustees, Class of 2018.
- (7) to elect three members at large from the congregation to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee.
- (8) to transact any other business which rightly may be raised.

By Order of the Session  
Thomas Bosch, Clerk

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH CLUB:** will not be meeting over the summer but will resume Wednesday, September 13th!

**TUXIS:** will meet TONIGHT from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Summer events: Kayaking, bowling, lock-in, and beach party! Check your emails for specific dates!

**CHURCH SCHOOL: BBQ TODAY** to celebrate the Means' arrival at OFC and welcome them into our Church family.

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** TODAY is the last official day of Church School; However...students may join Katie and Kerry on the following Sundays throughout the summer for some fun lessons: July 2, July 23, and August 6.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 21-25/9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

**MAKER FUN FACTORY - CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE.** Join us for a fun-filled week of discovery, games, stories and more! Registration forms available in the Church Office. Hope to see you there!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**

All PW circles and Board will not be meeting during the summer and will resume in September. C1/Evening programs and C3 Bible Studies have not yet been determined.

- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** Quilting will break for the summer (unless otherwise called) and resume Thursday, September 7, 2017.

- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** Crafts are taking a break for the summer and resume again on Friday September 8th.
  - **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of girls' baby blankets.
- THRIFT STORE:** Thrift Shop will be celebrating 5 years!! (over 50k in 5 years!!). Meeting TODAY after worship and the Congregational meeting, BBQ and cake. Come get involved...
- ♦ Sign-up sheet for volunteers on a regular basis or to be placed on our substitute list.
  - ♦ Does your child need Community Service? Come in to the Thrift Shop and help. We can provide signed documentation for the time they served.

**COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL:** Items needed for the month of May are:

**Toothbrushes and Toothpaste.** Thank you for your generous donations.

**LOST & FOUND:**

- **DENIM JACKET - SIZE 6** from Talbots was found in the Sanctuary last week. If you are missing this item, please contact the church office.
- **READING GLASSES:** If you are missing a pair of reading glasses, please stop by the church office. We have several pairs, one found in the pulpit in the Sanctuary recently and one was found some time ago in the kitchen.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR**

Sopranos: Heather Adams, Lynda Fallica, Nancy Gittleman, Priscilla Jahier, Joan Lobasso, Mary Porter, Julie Salzano, Mary Samuel, Faith Youngquist.

Altos: Carol Breckner, Margaret Callahan, Gail Esser, Lucy Fetterolf, Carolyn Savage, Diane Starost, Heather Tucker, Roberta Williams,

Tenors: Sue Degan, Ken Duncan, Gail Glister,

Basses: Tom Bosch, Sam Boyer, Todd Field, Paul Fosella, Gary Lorentzson,

Thank you for another wonderful year of your faithful service in providing our worship with glorious music.

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, June 25 - 2017**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship

~10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

~11:15 a.m. Church School BBQ (*Front Lawn*)

~11:30 a.m. Thrift Store meeting

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

6:30-8:00 p.m. TUXIS (*Youth Room*)

**Monday, June 26 - 2017**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)  
9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Institute of Reading Development  
(*Room 101*)  
7:30-9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level*)

**Tuesday, June 27 - 2017**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)  
12:00-4:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting (*Rooms 101, 102, & Parish Hall*)

**Wednesday, June 28 - 2017**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)  
12:00-9:00 p.m. Institute of Reading Development (*Room 101*)  
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)  
7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

**Thursday, June 29 - 2017**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)  
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)

**Friday, June 30 - 2017**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)  
8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Institute of Reading Development (*Room 101*)  
9:30-11:30 a.m. AlAnon (*Lower Level Room 10*)  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)

**Sunday, July 2 - 2017**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship  
~10:20-11:00 a.m. Summer Church School (*Room 102*)  
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)



OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

*Guiding the church as we seek to serve Christ and our community*

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Kerry Degnan	Curt Abbott	Jim Colbert
Tom Glascock	Melissa Balm	Katie Dopico
Jerry Kessler	Peter Fetterolf	Beverly Elliott
Gary Lorentzson	Laure McKenna	Gretchen Hargis
Gillian Plastaras	Julie Salzano	Amy Girimonti
Leslie Schult	Cindy Samuels	Marge Sammis
Thomas Bosch, <i>Clerk of Session</i>		

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS:

*Caring for the congregation and beyond*

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Carol Breckner	Julie Andrade	Holly Baptista, <i>Secretary</i>
Judy Gilbert	Victor Andrade, <i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Degnan
Jared Ponzetti	Mary Frazier	Cheryl Grossman
Tammy Ponzetti	Asenath Fuchs	Elna Thatcher
Kathy Porter	Linda Ketcham	Martha Tibbetts
Mary Samuel	Heather Tucker	Leslie Yovino
Charles Worledge, <i>Moderator</i>	Jim Vice	

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

*Overseeing the church's resources to undergird mission and ministry*

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Bruce Elliott	Victor Budzitowski	Brian Behrens
James Thatcher, <i>Vice President</i>	Kathy Porter, <i>Secretary</i>	John Collins
Cynthia Samuels, <i>President</i>		Liz Richter

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**FIRST LESSON**  
Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Leader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**