Morning Worship—January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.

PRELUDE "Prelude in G Major" by J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

People: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

Leader: the Word of the Lord comes,

People: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP 356

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

People: We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (579)

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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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music Doxology 591

"Great Is thy Faithfulness"

arr. Virginia Halberg OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Bracey

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM

"Prayer of Consecration"

by Deborah Dresie

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words you spoke, the chances to help you turned your backs on, and the foolish choices of your lives. Offer them to the One who longs to hear us, trusting that God will forgive us.

LESSON

(842/884)

2 Timothy 1:3,4:1-5

SERMON

"From Growth to Gratitude"

Rev. Allen Thompson

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal Pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

by P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

by Jacques Lemmens

The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Pat Bolt, Buck Collins, Sarah Collins, and Tom Collins by Charles Bolt and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Alice Bradshaw, (Becky Meadema's Mother), Mary Bray, Nelson R. Clark, Kathy Cropp, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Stacy Falden (Estella Falden's granddaughter), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris' Mother), Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Lee Norman, Nancy Poindexter, Ellen Tunnicuff (Lisa Brown's Mother), Tom West, Mack Williams, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Nultie Wiseman

Our condolences to Dr. Bob Ramey and family in the loss of his brother, Richard.

The Weekend Back Pack Program is up and running at God's Storehouse. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Wilson. FPC is responsible for Wednesday Jan. 31st.

Our next Family Night Dinner will be Wednesday February 7th at 6:00 p.m. Our meal will be baked spaghetti, big salads, garlic bread, and asst. cobblerala mode.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	K. Clifton & D. Shelton
Children's Sunday School	K. Johnson/G. Baucom
	Laura, Virginia & Emma Jones
Elders at Front Door	E. Blount
Security & Side Door	B. Newnam
Visitation	David Swann
Deacon to Receive Offering	Susan Mathena
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Nancy Schomer
Time for Young Disciples	Nicole Bracey
Sound System	Ray Beale
Ushers	Team 3
Flower Ministry	Deacons
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 27	R. Beale/Kathy Dolianitis
Saturday Lunch Attendance Jan. 13 N/A	

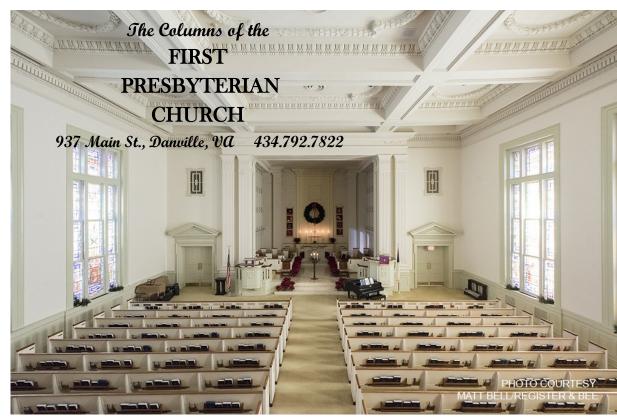
After 15 years of exemplary service to First Presbyterian, Dick Stoakley is retiring at the end of March. We are grateful to have had him as our Administrator/Business Manager.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in the Business Manager position, please contact the Admin committee or the church office.



The 2nd floor apartment, located at 903 Main St., is available for rent. Recently remodeled & painted, this apartment has 2 bedrooms (possible 3rd), 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room. Rent will be \$800/with \$800 security deposit. If you know anyone interested, please call Dick Stoakley 792-7822 ext. 5

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church



January 21, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, January 22

9:30a.m. Prayer 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 4:30p.m. CE Meeting 6:30 p.m. Membership

TUESDAY, January 23

6:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, January 24

6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, January 25

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, January 26

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 27

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, January 28

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:

Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Bible Fellowship, Library Seekers, Rm 109

11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS

Noon Ice skating for Youth & Children