

Prelude
Allegretto
Trumpet Allemande

George Frederick Handel
Anthony Halborne

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

* Call to Worship

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with stress, loneliness or depression.
As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy
and pain, hurt and hope
Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope.

* Hymn 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes and communities will be dwelling places for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

In Your name we pray, **Amen.**

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(please extend the Peace of Christ to those around you saying...)

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

* Response 150 As with Gladness Men of Old Dix

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star be-hold; as with joy they hailed its light,
lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright; so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

Jessica Summers

Rachel Schulze

Theresa Funk

Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 5th grade and younger may go to Room 107c for Godly Play.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson Leviticus 25:1-17 Page 98 in Pew Bible

Anthem Ave verum corpus WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Latin:

Ave, ave verum corpus natum
De Maria virgine
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

English Translation:

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.

Lesson Luke 4:18-19 Page 835 in Pew Bible

Sermon **Free Indeed** Rev. Jessica Myers

* Hymn 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Offering

Offertory Cornet Voluntary John Travers

* Response 156 Sing of God Made Manifest SALZBURG

Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest, to whose home in Beth - le - hem
where a star had guid-ed them, ma-gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mysteri-ous and pro-found:
myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.

* Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Messages of our Life in Community

* Hymn 749 Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

* Benediction

Postlude

March in D Major, Op. 56, No. 2 Alexandre Guilmant

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WELCOME TO FPC FINDLAY

We hope that you experience the power of God's presence while you are among us this morning. We are a busy congregation, seeking to find God's vision for us as we confront a changing and challenging world. There are many ways we try to be faithful to God. We invite you to join us in these ministries. See our website for more information or contact Pastor Bill Lindeman blindeman@findlayfpc.org or Assoc. Pastor Jessie Myers jessie@findlayfpc.org

M O P S C H I L D R E N T H I S M O R N I N G

Childcare for children 2 and younger will begin at 9:15 am in Room 107b.

Children 3 years to 5th grade are welcome to attend Godly Play in Room 107c and will be escorted there after the Children's Blessing during the service. Please pick up your children after worship and come to the Fellowship Hall!

C H I L D R E N I N W O R S H I P

Childcare is provided on the first floor in Room 110. A paging system is available.

Children up to 5th grade, following the *Blessing of the Children*, will be escorted to Room 107c for *Godly Play* children's worship. They can be picked up after worship from that space.

Red Worship Bags for children preschool age through third grade and White Worship Bags for 4th - 8th graders are available on the rack in the Narthex.

Please return the worship bags to the tray under the rack following worship.

W O R S H I P L E A D E R S

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bill Lindeman

Interim Associate Pastor: Rev. Jessie Myers

Director of Music: Brent Neuenschwander

Liturgist: Betsey Watson Mascaro

W O R S H I P N O T E S

The flowers for worship are given by George & PJ Milligan in celebration of friends and family.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors - during the Offering please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign. The friendship pad is located on the seat of the pew closest to the center aisle.

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

We ask that you please turn all cell phones to "silent" during the worship service.

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MOPS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION.....FELLOWSHIP HALL

We welcome everyone to join us for our brunch and more information about MOPS as we can all sit together and enjoy some snacks and drinks.

CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 210

Come and join a discussion led by Jim Baker as we talk about Daniel beginning to see the fulfillment of the prophecies of the wrath awaiting Judah, Jerusalem and all Israel for their long history of sinning against God.

No Sermon Talk-Back. Come and learn more about MOPS!

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Mark your calendars for a **Childcare Volunteer Appreciation and Training Luncheon** on Tuesday, February 6th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will have lunch, recognize all of our outstanding MOPS childcare and Godly Play volunteers with gifts, and finish with a review of the updated policies. We look forward to celebrating you so please plan to attend!

Officer Training continues today from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and next Sunday, the 28th.

Family Care: Pastor Bill will be out for Family Care January 15th - 21st, being back in the office on Monday, January 22nd.

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 28th we will meet after worship in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate all the ministries here in the church. We will hear the annual reports and what was accomplished in 2017 as well as our hopes for 2018!

Annual Reports are available to preview before the annual meeting next Sunday. You can pick one up in the Narthex.

Youth will be meeting for **Food and Faith** after worship on Sunday February 4, in Room 201.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's day

JANUARY 21, 2018

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30 A.M. — SANCTUARY

We are an active open community of Christians seeking to know and glorify God, nurturing all people and sharing Christ's love and teachings.