

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reign of Christ

November 25, 2018

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Prelude "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Wyrzten
Piano Solo: Carol Carpenter

Call to Worship

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

People: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

***Hymn** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Red # 35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** (#579)

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

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Children's Time

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:1-8 pg. 245

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Thanks Be To God" G. F. Handel
Piano/Organ Duet: Carol and David Carpenter

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37 pg. 113

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Take Me To Your Leader"
Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Red#12

Offertory Invitation

Offertory “Sonata of Doxology” arr. Wyrzten

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

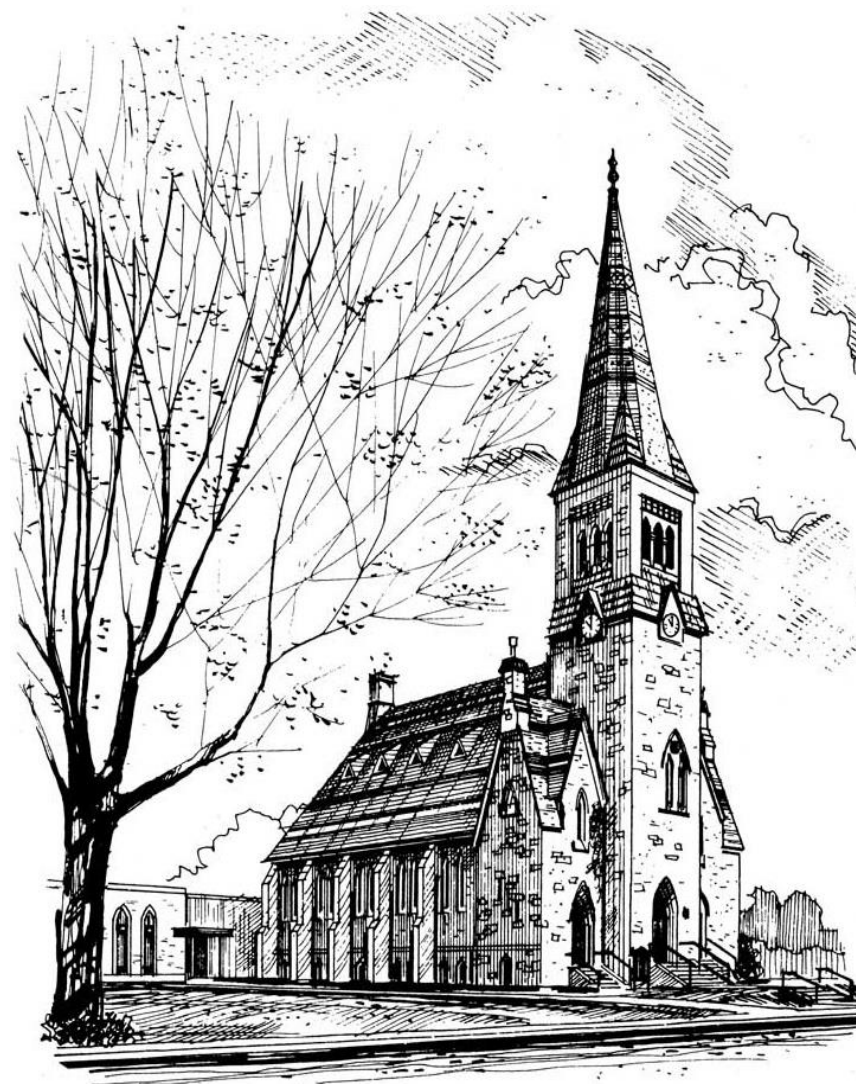
The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

***Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” Red#307

***Benediction**

Postlude “Postludium” Gordon Young

All are asked to remain seated during the postlude



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Local Mission Christmas Tree Ornament Project - The congregation is once again invited to provide **Christmas gifts to children in Clinton County.** The Local Mission Council will be receiving a list of wishes/needs from the Department of Social Services for children in families they serve. These gift requests will be written on colored ornament tags **and hung on a tree in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 2nd.** Each ornament will represent one gift. The ornament message will contain the first name of the recipient, age, gender, requested item description and clothing size, if appropriate. When children receive gifts from us, they are not served by the Christmas Bureau. Congregation members are encouraged to take an ornament, - both parts, as each ornament will have two duplicate parts tied together. Purchase the item and return the gift, unwrapped, with both parts of the ornament taped to it, to the tree in Fellowship Hall on Sunday or to the church office during the week, no later than December 16th. Please ask the store for and include with all gifts, a gift receipt. Occasionally we need to exchange duplicated items, and with clothing, the recipient may find a size exchange necessary. **Please DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Depending on the requested gift, two or more members might jointly purchase the item. **If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bunnell or Nancy Olsen.**

Worship Leaders for November-December
December 2- Karen Merrill
December 9-Jennie Booth
December 16- Zaidee Laughlin
December 23- Sally Meisenheimer
December 24- Judy Bunnell
December 30- Emma Snook

Church Office Hours:

Monday 1:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00-4:00 pm, Thursday 9:00-2:00 pm

This week:

Wednesday: 10:00 Bible Study

MISSION STATEMENT
To
Worship Christ
Teach Faith
And
Practice Love

Child care is available during the service – please talk with an usher if you need directions.

If you are visiting, please feel welcome to come to Fellowship Hall, following the service.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK November 25, 2018

Barbara and Kenneth Burdo
Matt, Lorena, Olivia and Joshua Burgin, Amber & Andrew Baker
Bob and Noel Cacchio Rich and Lori Cantwell

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Mazur Kenneth and Barbara Burdo
Leona Woodbridge Edna Webster
Chuck Stacey (Tracey Luoma’s step-grandfather)
Louise Meisenheimer Peg and Bob Warner

This Sunday we thank:

GREETERS: The Snook family
USHERS: Carl, Lyn and Travis Payne
WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Snook
HOST AND HOSTESS: Judy Bunnell
CHILDREN’S TIME LEADER: Amber Baker

Our mid-week Bible Study Continues!

We meet each **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room.** We are reading the book of “Romans” and have read and discussed up to chapter 5. All are welcome, come join us!



The annual Christmas Pageant planning is off and running! We invite children of all ages and abilities to participate in this wonderful event, to be held on December 16th during worship. Practices will take place on December 2nd and 9th at 9am before worship and on Saturday December 15th at 9:30 am, also in the sanctuary. Following the

December 15th practice, the annual Advent Festival will take place in Fellowship Hall, with treats and fun for all! Please contact Cindy Allen in the church office with any questions or if your children are interested in participating and you have not already let her know. We look forward to an exciting part of the Advent celebration.

Victoria Duley
518-570-5015

Ordering Wreaths

Please order wreaths for yourself and as gifts for family and friends. Once again you can order a decorated wreath with natural pine or spruce cones and a red velvet bow or just order a plain wreath to decorate as you wish. Place orders with Jennie Booth 518-563-3809 or Janet Booth in the Church office 518-561-3140.

Prices for wreaths	Undecorated	Decorated
14” Small	\$15.00	\$19.00
16” Large	\$20.00	\$24.00
18” Extra Large	\$25.00	\$30.00

October 2018 Giving Statements available

Giving statements reflecting individual/family contributions through October 30th are available on the table in the back of the church. Please pick yours up and review it for accuracy. If there are any concerns, leave a message via e-mail or phone with the church office and the team that records and deposits the contributions will look into the concern and get back to you. Statements that **are not picked today** will be mailed.

The church office is now in the process of **updating the 2019 Church Directory.** Please contact the church office either by phone 561-3140 or by email office@presbyplatt.org to up-date your correct contact information if it has changed. Having your correct information secures getting in touch with you, receiving the PULSE either by mail or e-mail as well as announcements and reminders through the FPC email-list. Snow birds...we would appreciate your alternate winter address for the directory and for our “snowbird” Deacon to know your contact information.

If you are going to City of Plattsburgh’s **Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, join us for delicious Hot Chocolate and Cookies in Fellowship Hall.** Starting at 5:30 p.m. until it lasts! Yum!

Save the date..... Christmas Caroling



Friday, December 14, 2018

Join us for caroling on Friday, **December 14th at 6:30 pm** starting at Lake Forest Retirement Community. We will carol several other places before going to Stuart and Linda Voss’ home at 38 Hillcrest for refreshments. Please bring a dozen cookies to share.