

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**October 28, 2018**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Announcements & Affirmation of Community**

**Prelude**

**Choral Introit**      "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"      Johann Ahle

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues  
with shouts of joy.

**People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad  
indeed.**

**\*Hymn**      "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"      Red#245

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our  
need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In  
your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we  
do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from  
your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen  
to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall  
from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus'  
holy name. 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**      Genesis 2:18-24      pg. 2

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**      "I Thirst for You, O God"      Carolyn Hamlin

**Sermon**      "Helper"      Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn**      "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"      Red#435

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory**      "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"      Martin Luther

**\*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)

**Prayer Response** "Amen"

**\*Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" Red#450

**\*Benediction**

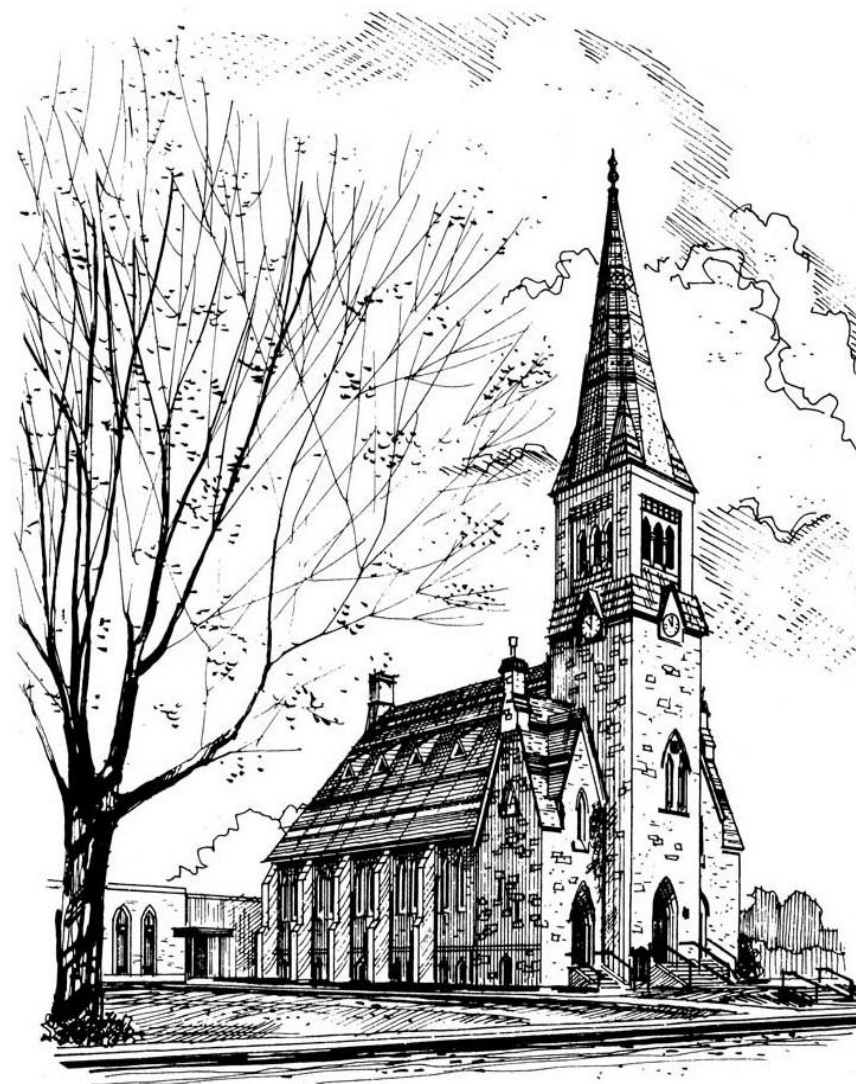
**Benediction Response** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"  
John Rutter

**Postlude**

*All are asked to remain seated during the postlude*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Janet Booth  
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CHURCH EVENTS: Cynthia Allen  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Vicki Washburn  
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*Worship Leaders for October-November*

November 4- Terri Mahoney

November 11- Janora Stone

November 18- Judy Bunnell

November 25- Jim 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 am Bible Study, Memorial Room

6:00 pm Session meeting

*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 October 28, 2018**

Anne and Jim Bailey

Warren Bentzen

Steve, Sebastian And Lydia Bailey

Tara, Kathleen and Chelsey Beaudet

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

John Mazur

Jennie Booth

Rod Conant

The family of Peter Angelos

Chuck Stacy (Tracey's Dad)

Micheline St-Cyr

Lorraine Streeter and The Family of Tom Cronin

David Mellon and his loved ones

**This Sunday we thank:**

**GREETER:** Donna Hanrahan

**USHERS:** Howard and Sara Black

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Luke Moore

**HOSTS AND HOSTESSES:** Dave, Arlene, and Holly Black,

Jim Snook and Karen Merrill

**CHILDREN'S TIME LEADER:** Pastor Tim



**Christmas Candlelight Concert Rehearsals:** Rehearsals for the Christmas Candlelight concert will **begin on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00-9:00 p.m.** Members of the congregation who would like to join us for this concert are welcome. The concert will be on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and will include sacred Christmas anthems and carols. For more information call Vicki Washburn at 518-563-3777.



**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 "Acts" and have read and discussed up to chapter 28. All are welcome.



**There is a need for a Host and/or Hostess for the weekly Coffee Fellowship Hour for the month of November (11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>).** Please sign up in Fellowship Hall on the clip board. Thank you!

We are in need of **personal care items** such as; generic deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap, and toothpaste. All items can be left in the church office, or in the bin at the back of the church. The Dollar store is a great source for purchasing these items at a reasonable price. Thank you!



**The Shoebox project -Operation Christmas Child collection has begun!** Please bring shoe box items to Cindy before the service on November 11<sup>th</sup>. **OR** pack you own. **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are now available in Cindy's**

**office.** Children will leave after Children's Time to pack the boxes on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the insert this week in the bulletin that addresses shipping cost donation and how to pack your shoebox....Have fun bringing Christmas Joy to those in need.

**Women of the Church!!**

In truly welcoming **Tracy Luoma** to the flock there will be a

**Wine and Appetizer Party**

at Sally Meisenheimer's, 4 Cardinal Court Plattsburgh, NY (near Beekmantown School) on **Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30.**

Bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share.



**RSVP (appetizer or wine) to Sally at [sally.meisenheimer@yahoo.com](mailto:sally.meisenheimer@yahoo.com) or text/call 518-578-6396**

**Reminder.... To all Council, Committee and Church members** with church keys. If you are hosting an evening meeting at the church in the eveing please make sure that all doors are locked (inside glass doors) and that all lights are turned off. Thank you!