



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

October 8, 2017

11:00am

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Installation of Pat Loeswick as Elder

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

**Gathering Prayer:**

God, our Beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving rule. Amen.

**Prelude:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Wesley/Greenelsch)

**Call to Worship:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

**there is no other god but the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Ancient Words" - (Hearts 4 Worship)

(DeShazo)

(Ushers receive prayer concern requests)

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**\*Call to Confession:**

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Unison

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*\*Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness:**

**Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri:** "Glory Be To The Father" #579

**\*Our Faithful Response:** "Be Thou My Vision" #339

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Anthem:** "Mighty to Save" - (Hearts 4 Worship) (Morgan&Fielding)

**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:**

**Ex. 20:1-20** *Reader's Theater*

**Matt. 21:33-46**

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it

falls." <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**Sermon:** "Everyone Is So Angry!"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Spirit"

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### **Installation of Pat Loeswick as Elder**

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

In baptism, Pat was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism...

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**Elder:** Do we, the members of the church, accept Pat as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this your servant whom you have called through baptism as your own. Give her openness to the Holy Spirit's leading that she may see and serve wherever there is a need. Give her a spirit of truthfulness that she may show the same compassion Christ shows in the actions of daily living, and rightly govern your people. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, equip her to build up the church, strengthen the common life of your people, and lead with compassion and wisdom. Give her joy in service, discipline, hope, humor, humility, courage and love for her ministry, and always the abiding knowledge of your presence with her.**

**In Christ, through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Installation**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of God be always with you.

**And with you too.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Congregational Response:*

**You are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

#### **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.**

#### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Jesus said: Give to the emperor the things that belong to the emperor, and to God the things that are God's.

**Offertory:** "Lord Most High"

(Harris/Sadler/Crosby)

**\*Praising God's Goodness:** Doxology

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

**God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.**

## **ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "God, Bless Your Church With Strength"

(Sung to the tune of "Crown Him With Many Crowns")

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** "I Will Bless Thee, O Lord"

(Watanabe/Smith)

\* Those who are able, please stand

**WORSHIP AIDS:**

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.**

**Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.**

**Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

**New Prayer Concerns or Joys**

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**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Scott Greenawalt's upcoming surgery in Houston on Oct 10; Michael Grant recent back surgery; Jack Shepler's upcoming heart surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital on Oct 10; Danielle Gracie recent double mastectomy; Paul Stuermer recent passing.

**Continuing Prayers:** Father Michael Ubeler; Bill Carney; Scott Greenawalt; Melissa Haacker; Paul Stuermer; Sid Tyrrell; Irving & Alice Hils; Holly Mazurek; Marge Klinger; Betty Kolnacki; Ruth Gebera; Aron; Wilma Bender; Wally Frech; Rosemary Taber; Jack Greenawalt; Willie Day; Sue Klein; Mike Crowell; Larry Rayner; Jackie Rexford; Gail Schurr; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; Anthony Dragone; Adehlia Kowsky; Leola Mitchell; Peggy Hess; Russ McClure; Mike Klinger; Bob Erisman

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Lee Mitchell; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ann Thorpe; Ruth Weber

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.  
We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Marilee Mathias

**GREETERS:** Ruth Gebera and Jane Crossan

**USHERS:** Mary Ferro, Tom Dugan, Leslie Dugan, John Faux, Linda Barry

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

The flowers on the Communion Table are to the glory of God and in celebration of Alvin and Laura Marohn's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 8.

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering:** Saturday, Oct 14 from 10:30am-1pm. First Pres is hosting this event and it is for all women of the church. The cost is \$7.00 for lunch. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for details.

**Hunger Sunday:** The Deacons are continuing to collect Food for the Hungry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month – **Oct 15**. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Many thanks to Donna and Bruce Blinston for delivering the food to TCCO. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

**Christian Education Meeting: Note change in date and time:** Monday, Oct 16 at 5:30pm.

**Service of Wholeness and Healing: Oct 18 @ 6:30pm** First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**Youth Led Worship Service** – The Youth will be leading us in worship on October 22. Following worship the Deacons are sponsoring a **Sub Sandwich Luncheon**.

**Upcoming Events for the Youth:**

- **Youth Chowder Sale:** Sale will be on Sunday, Nov 5 right after church. Details to follow.

- **Delivering Meals on Wheels - November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)** – The Youth will be helping deliver meals from the Salvation Army on Thanksgiving morning to those unable to cook for themselves in both the City of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. More details to follow.
- **Presbytery Youth Christmas Party** – Friday, December 15 from 7p-10p. Held at Youngstown Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, NY. Bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift. Food and games will be included. See Bulletin Board in the Narthex for more details.

October 2017						
<b>8</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Bell Ensemble 12:30p FHB 6:30p Youth Group Campout at Duffield	<b>9</b> Office Closed	<b>10</b> Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p  Adult Bible Class 7-8:15p	<b>11</b> Circle II 9:30a  Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p	<b>12</b> A.A. 9a-11a  Worship Mtg 2:30p  Yoga 6:30-7:30p  H4W 6p Bell Quartet 7p Choir 7:30p	<b>13</b> UFO 7p	<b>14</b> PW Fall Gathering 10:30-1p
<b>15</b> H4W 9a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Bell Ensemble 12:30p FHB 6:30p Matt's Music Vocal Ensemble 7p	<b>16</b> A.A. 9a-11a  CE Mtg-5:30p  Girl Scouts 6-7:30p TOPS 6:30p Session 7p	<b>17</b> Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p	<b>18</b> Circle II 9:30a  Healing service 6:30p  Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p	<b>19</b> A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p  H4W 6p Bell Quartet 7p Choir 7:30p	<b>20</b> UFO 7p	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> H4W 9a Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Youth Led 11a Sub Sandwich Lunch 12:15 Bell Ensemble 12:30p FHB 6:30p	<b>23</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6-7:30p TOPS 6:30p	<b>24</b> Presbytery Mtg 4p  Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p  Adult Bible Class 7-8:15p	<b>25</b> Circle II 9:30a  Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p	<b>26</b> A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p  H4W 6p Bell Quartet 7p H4W & Choir 7:30p	<b>27</b> UFO 7p	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday School 9:30a Choir 10:30a Worship 11a Bell Ensemble 12:30 Bell Quartet 12:50p FHB 1:10p H4W 1:30p H4W & Choir 1:50p Choir 2:15p 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Concert & Reception 3p	<b>30</b> A.A. 9a-11a Girl Scouts 6-7:30p TOPS 6:30p	<b>31</b> Girl Scouts 6:30-8:30p	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Mark Your Calendars for a special musical event:</b>  <b>Sunday, October 29 at 3pm</b> <b>500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation</b> <b>Celebration Concert</b>  <b>Featuring All Of Our Talented Musical Groups</b> <b>With Reception to Follow</b>			