

# First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall Service | January 7, 2018

## GATHERING SONG

### CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 95:1-2*

Leader: To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, the Healer of the weak, the Defender of the guilty, the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners. Welcome.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. *Amen.*

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## ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

“10,000 Reasons”

“Great Are You, Lord”

## OFFERING

“Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)”

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

## CATECHISM

Leader: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God’s favor?

**People: Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.**

**All: Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.**

(Isaiah 53:10-11)

(Q #19, [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com))

## GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Children’s church for kids 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time. Leaders will meet the children just outside the Fellowship Hall and walk them to the PreK-K room or parents may walk them back.*

## SCRIPTURE READING *from* Matthew 28:16-20

## SERMON

“Making Disciples, Discipling Nations”  
Rev Chris Bowen

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The Cause of Christ”

## THE BENEDICTION