

Welcome!

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lounge after the service. We're glad you're here!

**This Morning's Schedule**

**8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship**

- ◆ Nursery provided for children through age 4
- ◆ All children are invited to remain in service today as we celebrate Pastor Jill's ministry as one church body. Children's bulletins and puzzle pamphlets are available from the ushers.

**10:00 a.m.**

- ◆ Pastor Jill's Farewell Reception in the Lounge
- Note: The Growing in Faith Classes will resume January 20, 2019**

**11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

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**Farewell to Pastor Jill**

In appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Jill VanderWal at First Presbyterian Church you are invited to a cake reception in her honor this morning in the church lounge between worship services.



**Grand Rapids Guitar Quartet**  
Sunday, January 13th  
4:00 p.m.

The Grand Rapids Guitar Quartet is comprised of award-winning guitarists, Brian Morris, Michael Stockdale, David Martin and Andrew Bergeron.

The quartet will present a program of a variety of transcriptions of masterworks, Latin music and original compositions, along with entertaining, informative and often humorous explanations about the music.

*All of the Community Artist events are free and open to the public.*



**Youth Group**  
**Meetings Resume**  
**January 13th!**



**Sunday, January 13th**  
**Congregational Conversation**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Lounge**

Hear updates from various areas of ministries, ask questions, and receive the annual report.

# The Gathering

11:00 Worship Service @ 1st Pres

Please check-in online before you silence all electronic devices

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**GATHERING TO MEET GOD**

Countdown

Call to Worship

Worship in Song - **My Savior, My God**

Welcome & Announcements

Please feel free to use the Prayer Request Card in your pew, and place it in the offering plate. Your request will be added to the confidential prayer chain.

Children's Message

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Worship in Song - **Good, Good Father**

Confession and Grace

Troy Hauser Brydon

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

First Lesson – Zechariah 4:8-10 (NLT)

Second Lesson – Isaiah 55:8-13

Sermon

*A Scenic Overlook*

Jill VanderWal

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Concern

Time, Talent & Treasures - **Awake My Soul**

Prayer of Thanks

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

Statement of Faith

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution - **Simplicity**

Sharing the Meal

Sending Prayer

**CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

Commitment Song - **What a Glorious Night**

God's Vision & Blessing for Us

Concluding Song - **My Savior, My God**

**WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jill VanderWal, Interim Associate Pastor  
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate  
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Sunday, January 6, 2019

*Epiphany of the Lord*



Our Vision  
*We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.*

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8:45 A.M.

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### PREPARING

PRELUDE – *Three Kings of Orient*

Janet Linker

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### INTROIT

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

One: Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God’s supreme love.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

One: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God’s inclusive love.

**All: Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.**

One: The joy of all creation be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 141 – *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**People: May God be with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May God be with you as you worship here.

**People: Go in peace.**

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Your Spirit brings freedom, and so often our lives are weighed down by burdens we carry within us.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

One: Your Spirit brings peace, and so often our lives are ill at ease, concerned by what the day will bring us.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

One: Your Spirit brings wisdom yet we find it so hard to recognise your gentle whisper speaking to us.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

One: May we know the power that breaks these chains that bind our hearts and souls, and grace to live the life you give.

**All: Renew us, Lord, we pray.** ©John Birch, from “The Act of Prayer”

*(Time for silent confession)*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us;**

**Christ, have mercy upon us;**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

### PROCLAIMING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON – *Zechariah 4:8-10 (NLT)*

SECOND LESSON – *Isaiah 55:8-13*

p. 598 pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*A Scenic Overlook*

Rev. Jill VanderWal

### RESPONDING

#### RECEIVING THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY – *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?*

H. Helvey

#### \*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

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, holds a promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. Amen.**

*(Source: Iona Abbey Worship Book, p.75/adapted)*

#### INVITATION THE TABLE

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you,

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

#### 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.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SHARING THE MEAL

#### SENDING PRAYER

#### \*CONCLUDING HYMN 694 – *Great God of Every Blessing*

#### \*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

One: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

**All: We are called to celebrate God’s grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ’s hands to serve.**

#### \*BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Let There Be Peace***

*Please join hands across the aisle*

POSTLUDE – *O Zion, Haste*

Mark Sedio

### WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

\*for those who are able, please stand

*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory and honor of God in loving memory of my husband, Ed, and grandson, Ryan by Ruth Suchecki.*



#### Worship Leaders

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jill VanderWal, Interim Associate Pastor

Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Marc Felt, The Gathering Band Leader

**Participants:** Geneva Choir, The Gathering Music Team

#### **Greeters:**

**8:45 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

Clinton Street: Joan Klaasen

Anne Guimond

Gathering Area: Bill & Chris Bussell

Guy & Alishia Terrill

Portico: Kent & Carole DeYoung

Jim & Jane Shultz

**Nursery:** Angela VanderWall, Kelly VanHook

**Usher Team #1:** Ruth Suchecki, Randy Abraham, Head Ushers

#### Our Church Family & Friends

**Prayer requests:** Garry Mesler, June Lindberg, Evelyn Wood, Tom Braak, Sue Roper, and Carol Winton

**Thank you cookie bakers:** Debbie Abbey, Lois Erwin, Kelli Jullie, Dorothy Miller, Kathie Schwartz, and Carol Weller