

MILLERSBURG FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGIST

We welcome each of you to today's celebration! In each **bold area**, you are invited to participate. With each * (asterisk), please stand if you are able.

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSE *(to be led by the liturgist)*

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(to be led by the liturgist)*

L: In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us: "...when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift."

Before we offer our gifts of worship and self to God, we must make peace with one another.

L: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE RESPONSE: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds; Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(to be read by the liturgist)*

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!

P: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

L: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

P: A great king over all the earth.

*PRAYER *(to be prayed by the liturgist)*

Merciful God we thank you for this opportunity to come together and worship you. Open our hearts and minds to let go of all of the surrounding distractions of the world and focus on you lord
In Jesus name Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE #181: Come Sing to God

*CALL TO CONFESSION *(to be read by the liturgist)*

We strive to live our lives as Christ did but in our humanness we fail but we know that we serve a good loving and merciful God let us join together and confess our sins together

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(to be led by the liturgist)*

Holy and merciful God we come before you in humility with our failures. We know that you are Good and that it is only through you that we receive forgiveness, together we confess that we have sinned
Please take moment for your own silent personal confession.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(to be led by the liturgist)*

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are His children. Amen.

*RESPONSE WITH PRAISE (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (repeat tune, singing "amen")

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:13-22

SERMON: The True Temple

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (BB p. 14): "The Apostle's Creed"

HYMN OF RESPONSE #272: God of the Sparrow

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING *(to be read by the pastor)*

In recognition of the blessings God has given to us we gladly give back a portion of those blessing with our tithes and offerings

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Doxology)

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly father we thank you so much for providing for our every need. We bring these gifts before with great joy and thanks. We now ask that you guide us to use these gifts to continue in working to further your kingdom here on earth in Jesus name Amen

*SENDING HYMN #464: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.

*BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you God is sending you. Wherever you are God has put you there. Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are. Know this and Go in his grace, love, and power!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Worship Participants.

Preacher: Rev. Anthony Devolld

Children's Ministry Director: Shayla Fisher

Organist: Ann Vaughn

Liturgist: Elaine Hand

Nursery: Volunteer

Ushers: Sam Steimel and Vicki Wile

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Love Inc.: Our Adult Sunday School class has begun contributing needed items the Love Inc. Ministry each month. The provided office supplies in February, in March their request is for cleaning supplies and April's need is for blank note cards and stamps. If you would like to help us provide any of these much needed items your donation can be in the basket in the narthex marked "Love, Inc."

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