



# *Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church*

## *Sunday Morning Worship*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*10:00 am*

*Our Mission*

*To live out Christ's love  
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,  
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME & PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** – *Come into God's Presence*

#413

## **CALL TO WORSHIP –**

*Liturgist: MaryAnn Nelson*

*(Inspired by 1 Samuel 3:1-10)*

One: Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

**All: Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?**

One: Was it you that we heard moving through those feet?

**All: Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?**

One: Was it you that called our names?

**All: Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.**

One: We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

**All: Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names.**

**Here and now.**

**\*HYMN** – *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

#853

*(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)*

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION –**

**All: Holy One, you have called us by name.**

**You will not let us lounge in bed.**

**You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember your love for us.**

**You will not let us hide under the tree.**

**You summon us from the shade to be changed and challenged.**

**You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.**

**You unearth our fears and speak them aloud...change, loss, challenge.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.**

**Reveal the words we need most.**

**In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **\*MOMENT FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION, PRAYER & CONFESSION**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*(Inspired by 1 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18)*

Our God knows you by name.  
Our God knows what you fear.  
For you are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
In your name, God's works are revealed again to us. Amen.

**\*THE PEACE** – Greet those around you with.  
*“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Our God is an Awesome God* #616

## **ENGAGING THE WORD**

One: In the beginning was the Word.

All: **And the word was with God.**

One: The Old Testament from: *1 Samuel 3:1-20* pg. 215  
The Gospel reading from: *John 1: 43-51* pg. 863

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.*

**RESPONSE** #453

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

**SERMON** – “Called by Faith”

Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

**\*HYMN** – *Here I am, Lord* #69

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Using “debts”)

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God knows you by name. God knows all that you can do.  
God appears in your works for justice.  
God is revealed in our hope for change.  
Let us carry this spirit into our giving.  
Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** – *Praise God, from whom All Blessing Flow* #607

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you offer us wonderful gifts.  
In these offerings, may we make for change that doesn't yet exist.  
May we give it a name. May we move through our fears.  
May we dare to call this hope wonderful, in the hope of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen

**\*HYMN** – *Be Thou My Vision* #450

### \*BENEDICTION

Send us, O God.  
Send us to search for your name.  
Send us to count your works.  
Send us to feel you calling our name.  
Send us, O God, into your dream.

**\*EXTROIT** (all sing) – *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me* #700

*Revealed to Us: Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on [cookingwithelsa.org](http://cookingwithelsa.org).*

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### Notes and Announcements

*Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.*

*We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism. Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.*

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Marcia Macdonald. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6422.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**– Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. To initiate the chain, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

**CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE** – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Our Church and the Boonville 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church

**STAFF OPENING** – Our church has a paid staff opening. We are looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church in worship through music. For inquiries, please e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** –All are welcome to attend to *Loaves and Fishes Café* luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Niccolls Memorial Church in Old Forge. This *free lunch* will consist of assorted soups (vegetarian and gluten free will be included), sandwiches and desserts. Hot and cold beverages will also be provided.

Niccolls is currently looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming luncheon. Anyone interested in making soup, able to help set up on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm or able to serve at the luncheon on the 25<sup>th</sup> is asked to contact: Barb Proper at (315)369-6191 or the church office at (315)369-3475.

The Loaves and Fishes community luncheons are co-hosted by Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Bartholomew's and St. Anthony's Catholic Churches as well as various community members.

Transportation can be arranged by calling Beverly Meeker at (315) 369-2234.

#### Calendar of Events Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>–January 21<sup>st</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	
	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	AA at Social Room
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Weaving Home
<b>Friday</b>	9am	AA at Social Room
	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	AA at Social Room
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	AA at Social Room
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am & 10:00 am	Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	AA at Social Room

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**Interim Pastor** – Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Organists** – Susann Rundell, Josef Kovalovsky

**Ushers** – Jenn Gaudin, Sheila White, Ruth & Al Brussel