



Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship

1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 7th, 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

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,
we come to this time and place to be with you,
to worship you, and to learn from you.

May our time together
be like your creation of light in the darkness
that you called good.

May it be that you would call us good
while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. Amen.

WELCOME & PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP –

Liturgist: Paul Thiebeau

Psalm 29

One: Give to our God, O heavenly beings,
Give to our God glory and strength.

**All: Give to our God a glorious name;
worship our God in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of our God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**All: The voice of our God is powerful;
the voice of our God is full of majesty.**

One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**All: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

One: The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.

**All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
Our God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

One: The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**All: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.**

One: May our God give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

***HYMN** – *Morning Has Broken* #664
(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed.

Let us listen again to God's calling our names
to encourage us and strengthen our resolve
to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION –**

**All: O God, we hear your voice
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.
But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again
to live up to our baptismal vows
and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.
In repentance we ask you to forgive us.
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.**

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends,
God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus.
God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.
Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE** – Greet those around you with.
"The peace of Christ be with you."

ENGAGING THE WORD

One: In the beginning was the Word.

All: And the word was with God.

One: The New Testament reading from *Hebrews 1: 1-4* *pg. 970*
The Gospel reading from *Mark 1: 4-11* *pg. 812*

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.

SERMON – “Faith Under Fire”

Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

HYMN – *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters #490

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One: Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and gifts of the earth.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain) #113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Faithful God,

Bless us in our baptismal calling

to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others.

We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used

not for conquest and dominance,

but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people

who pray for our liberation as well as their own.

Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN – *Your Only Son (Lamb of God) #518

***BENEDICTION**

Thank you, God, for blessing us with memories of Jesus' baptism and ours.

Thank you for removing our reluctance, doubt, and fears,

for replacing them with courage and commission.

We go forth with your calling, direction, and blessing. **Amen.**

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.

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 Augusta-Vernon Center 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.

INFORMATIVE MEETING – There will be an informational meeting for all of our members and friends following worship TODAY to discuss Pastor Pam’s departure and next steps for our congregation. The Session will host the meeting and a Committee on Ministry representative will be on hand to answer questions.

Calendar of Events Week of January 8th–January 14th

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	5:30pm	Grief Group
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	AA at Social Room
Thursday	1pm	Caregiver Group
Friday	9am	AA at Social Room
	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	AA at Social Room
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	AA at Social Room
Sunday	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: Katie Boesché, Sue Mahoney, Natalie Tickner