



*Niccolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*February 25<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.*

**\*We invite those who are able, to stand.**

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself,  
So that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose  
That no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
no weakness keep us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***“The Gathering”***

## **PRELUDE**

## **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INTROIT – “The Servant Song”**

#727, vs. 1

Will you let me be your servant?  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace  
to let me be your servant too.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist: Sue Norris*

One: In the presence of your people we will praise your name,  
for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**All: Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love;  
may your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.**

One: All who love you sing your praises and proclaim your power,

**All: for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

One: You have not ignored our suffering but have heard our cry;

**All: May your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.**

One Let us worship God together.

### **\*HYMN – “We Praise You, O God”**

#612

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

To confess our sins to God is not to tell God anything God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us. When we confess them, they become the bridge.

Let us confess who we are and what we've done using the prayer in the bulletin. Let us pray...

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always been sincere Christians.  
We claim to follow Jesus but do not always take his path of sacrificial love.  
We profess to be his disciples, but are not willing always to bear the cost of discipleship.  
We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but it do easy to indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **\*MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

One: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with: *"The peace of Christ be with you"*.

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE –**

#468, vs. 3

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

### ***"Engaging the Word"***

*Prayer of Illumination, from Hymn # 451*

*Liturgist: Sue Norris*

Open our ears, that we may hear voices of truth you send clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on our ears, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now we wait for you, ready, our God your will see.  
Open our ears; illumine us, Spirit divine. Amen.

One: *First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

*pg.11*

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN AND 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!

One: *Second Lesson: Mark 8:31-38*

*pg.820*

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **PNC UPDATE**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

“Living in Hope”

by Rev. Joanne Bartel

**HYMN** – *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

# 223

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*“Thanksgiving”*

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** – : *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

#708

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**–*The Apostle’s Creed, pg.35 in Hymnal*

*“Sending”*

**\*HYMN** – *“Live into Hope”*

#772

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

## **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*EXTROIT** – (all sing)

#515 vs. 4

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
live among us here, a live among us here.

## **\*POSTLUDE**

### 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 Tina Yukel If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-2823

**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: United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** – Time once again to order flowers for a Sunday service to honor someone's birthday, anniversary, special event, or donate in memory of a loved one. Please call the office to make your order.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY** – We use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We are exploring and discussing the major themes in Hebrews and relating them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Niccolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome!

### Calendar of Events Week of February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am-11pm	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	4:30pm	Weaving home
	8pm	AA at Social Room
<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>	<u>7:30 am</u> & <u>10:00 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	AA at Social Room

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**Guest Preacher** – Rev. Joanne Bartel

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

**Organists** – Susan Rundell, Josef Kovalovsky

**Ushers** – Deb & Dave Langworthy, Holly Zaglaniczny

**Note:** For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly  
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