



*Niccolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

5th Sunday after Epiphany

*February 4, 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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME & PRELUDE

INTROIT – #413

Come in to God's presence singing "Alleluia, Alleluia,. Alleluia."

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sheila White

One: Come, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, for the Lord will give you rest.

All: The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

**All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

One: God consoles us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction

All: For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our healing is abundant through Christ.

HYMN – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven #619

(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist: Sheila White

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit who we are,
and what we have done before God in prayer. Together let us pray....

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we come to you not because we have it all together, but because we don't and are not perfect.

We want to be more like your Son, who lived his whole life in love.

Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us and those who love us in return.

Our forgiveness is often conditional.

Fairness is more important to us than grace.

Forgive us, and make us more like Christ in all we say and do. Amen

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION, PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose again for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. 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. Greet those around you with *"The peace of Christ be with you."*

HYMN – *On Eagle's Wing

#43

ENGAGING THE WORD

One: In the beginning was the Word.

All: And the word was with God.

One: First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

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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 AND YOUTH

We invite all children & youth to come forward.

One: Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

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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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

"Join hands, reach out, and lift up"

by Joanne Bartel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY –

#607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SENDING

*HYMN – *Song of Hope*

#765

(sing twice)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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.

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: Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton.

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 – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 6th the start of the new mid-week Bible Study. We will use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We will explore and discuss the major themes in Hebrews and relate them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Nicolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome.

CWS – Church World Service’s Blanket Sunday is February 18th. Please contribute to provide for people around the world who need the warmth and comfort of a blanket. *Blanket the world with love*

Note: For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Naomi Kelly at 315-369-6614 cell 315-369-8253

Calendar of Events Week of February 5th - February 11th

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am-11pm	Bible Study
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
	7pm	Session Meeting
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	<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 – Susann Rundell, Josef Kovalovsky

Ushers – Alisha & Chuck Robinson, Pam Kirk.

We welcome back our guest preacher this morning, the Rev. Joanne Bartel.

Joanne and Don live in Ithaca and raised their four children while Don was a professor. After the children graduated from High School, Joanne attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School and became an Interim Pastor in five churches in four different Presbyteries. Since retiring Joanne has been a Parish Associate at the Ithaca church and has led worship in various churches. They have four children who live in Providence RI, Grand Rapids MI, Ashtabula OH and Ithaca NY, along with nine grandchildren.