



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16th, 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

Gracious God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship.
Help us to understand and accept the costs of following Christ,
that we may know the joy you intend for us.

Make us lifelong learners in the school of faithfulness.

Bless this time of worship.

May we leave this gathering place with changed hearts and a firmer commitment to all you ask of us. Amen.

“The Gathering”

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“Great Are You, Lord”*

#614

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kathy Reihley

Leader: We have encountered the Word,
calling us into communion with God and with each other.

**People: And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ’s work
in our world.**

Leader: So, we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

People: To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

OPENING HYMN – *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

#2

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we do not understand why you keep loving us.

We hurt our loved ones. We turn our backs on need.

We seek revenge for petty wrongs in petty ways.

We do not understand why you keep loving us.

Yet even as we speak these words, we know your presence and your love.

We are sorry, oh God, for we know that sins against one another are sins against you.

Make us strong and tender, we pray, that we may live more as you would have us live. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Leader: 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.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

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

GLORY TO GOD –

#583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

“Engaging the Word”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FOR THE DAY

Epistle: James 3:1-13 pg.980

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38 pg.820

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – “Questions Along the Way”

by: Rev. Loril Hawk

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” #718**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM – “Empty of Me”

Boersma/Lantz

“Thanksgiving”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts,
receive this offering as a sign of our intention
to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit,
open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another,
and generous toward your world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY –

#697vs.1,4

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;
take my intellect and use every power as
thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

“Sending”

HYMN – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#725

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

EXTROIT – (all sing) “May the God of Hope Go with Us” #765

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.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – The Annual Congregational Meeting of Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held today Sunday, September 23rd beginning at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new Session members, review the proposed operating budget for the 2018-2019 operating year, and to discuss any other new business to be brought before the congregation. All members are encouraged to attend. A soup luncheon will follow the meeting.

NEW PASTOR – *We are delighted to welcome Loril Hawk to our church and to the Old Forge community. Rev. Loril formally began Monday, August 20th.*

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Tina Yuckel if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-8461.

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. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025 or Cindy Rose by e-mail at Cindy41854@[hotmail.com](mailto:Cindy41854@hotmail.com) to initiate the chain. 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: First Presbyterian church, Utica.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee has begun its search for new Elders and Deacons. These terms would begin in October and run for 3 years. Do you feel called to be a caregiver for our church family and beyond into our community? Would you like to suggest the name of someone you feel would be able to fill these roles? If so, please contact Deb Langworthy 315-369-6303, Nancy Venetz 315-369-3575 or Dee Kraft 315-369-6317.

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director. For inquiries, please call or e-mail the church office.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Put September 25th at 9:30am on your calendar for the beginning of a 10-week series on *God's Promise: I am with you*. We often need reassurance that God is with us, so looking at the various circumstances when God promises, “I am with you” gives us much to discuss together. We will learn of God’s assurances to various individuals from the Old Testament through the New Testament and discuss how we can also claim God’s promises in our lives. All are welcome!

Calendar of Events September 17 to September 23

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting	
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting	
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program	
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open	
	7pm-8pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
	8pm-9pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open	
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open	
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open	
Sunday	7:30am	Worship Service	
	9am	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00am	Worship Service	
	1:00am	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	

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Pastor – Rev. Loril Hawk

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist/Pianist – Sue Rundell, Judith Barker, Marie Adams

Ushers – Sylvia Uhl, George Lapinsky, Joan Spring, Katie Boesché