



*Niccolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23rd, 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

In this moment, gracious God,
you have called us away from the world
to a place and a time
where we can commune with you
and with one another.
Hallow this communion, we pray.
Calm our anxious spirits,
that we may be set apart
to hear your word of truth
through which we receive grace
to bring about the obedience of faith.
Open us to the reality of your all-embracing love,
both in this place and in the wider world.
May we, by our words and actions,
be bearers of your kingdom,
in the name and Spirit of the Christ. Amen.

“The Gathering”

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“Great Are You, Lord”* #614

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist: Donna Dutton*

Leader: O Lord, majestic in holiness, who is like you?

People: In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries.

Leader: O Lord, awesome in splendor, who is like you?

People: Sing to the Lord, my strength and my might, you are my salvation!

OPENING HYMN – *“What Is This Place”* #404

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives,
your forgiveness is boundless in mercy
when we fail to live in Christlike ways.

And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—
quick to find fault,
quick to assign blame,
quick to harden our hearts toward others.

Set us apart, loving God,
to extend and model the grace you have shown us
by offering grace to others.
**We pray in the name of the One who died
so that we might fully 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!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

"Engaging the Word"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FOR THE DAY

Old Testament Genesis 15:15-21 pg.10

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 pg.800

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

As we have heard, so may we respond.

Transform our thinking and our doing, O God.

May our actions speak your mercy,

and may our lives speak your generous love.

Amen

MESSAGE – *"Seventy times WHAT??"*

by: Rev. Loril Hawk

HYMN OF RESPONSE – *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"* #444

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION OF THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM – *"Empty of Me"*

Boersma/Lantz

“Thanksgiving”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving God,
all we are and all we have come from you.
We offer back to you what has always been yours.
As you have entrusted your gifts to us,
so we return these gifts to you,
trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your
kingdom on earth.
We pray through Jesus, who gave the totality of his life for us. 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 – “Together We Serve”

#767

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.*

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is today, after worship, 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.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE currently has 1 two year term and 2 three year terms to fill to complete a full 9 person seated session. We ask that you please prayerfully consider stepping up at this important time of new beginning to help this church and congregation move forward to the future God has planned for us. Please contact Dee Kraft, Nancy Venetz or Deb Langworthy with any questions or concerns you may have.

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 contact Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025 or Cindy Rose by e-mail at Cindy 41854 [@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: Bethany Presbyterian Church, Utica.

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!

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

MISSION COMMITTEE will use some of the funds set aside for disaster relief to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in providing relief to the victims of hurricane Florence and the victims of typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines. If you would like to add your contribution to that of the Mission Committee you may do so by putting a check in the offering plate today. You may also drop off a contribution in the office, mail it to the church, or use the form on the bulletin insert that you will find in this Sunday’s bulletin. Please write “Hurricane Relief” on the memo line so that your check is credited properly.

Calendar of Events September 24 to September 30

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
12:30am **Food Sense Pick-up**
7pm-8:30pm Mission Boutique Open

Saturday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Open

Sunday **7:30am** **Worship Service**
9am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am **Worship Service**

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Pastor – Rev. Loril Hawk

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

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

Ushers – Dawn Timm, Deborah Graydon, John Spring