



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21st, 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

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love.
The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today
to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and
not destroyers. Prepare us to work
for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen

“The Gathering”

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“Great Are You, Lord”*

#614

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Deborah Elmer

Leader: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

People: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.

Leader: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.

People: We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Leader: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

People: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world. Amen

GATHERING HYMN – *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God!”* #32

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation,
O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us.

But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior.

You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it,

but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty.

Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth,
position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people.

These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE -

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Old Testament: Job 38:1-7 pg. 420

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 pg. 823

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – *“Strategic Move!”* Rev. Loril Hawk

HYMN OF RESPONSE – *“Lord, you give the Great Commission”* #298

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

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 withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give with joy, loving God,
in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience.

By your love, we have survived and learned and grown.

We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your wandering people find genuine welcome and are lifted up to new hope and joy. Amen

“Sending”

HYMN – *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #611

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a brief congregational meeting after the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, October 28 to vote on filling another seat on Session, as well as treasurer, financial secretary and nominating committee members for next term. It is important that we have a quorum to proceed with this important business, so please plan to attend.

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 – “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” (Jeremiah 29:12). If you have a prayer request, you may initiate the prayer chain by calling Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, e-mailing Cindy Rose at cindy41854@hotmail.com, or contacting the church office at 315-369-3475. All information remains confidential.

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: Presbyterian Women, in the Presbytery of Utica.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – The study “takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God’s promise of presence.” We often need reassurance that God is with us, so looking at the various circumstances when God promises, “I am with you” or “I will be with you” gives us much to discuss together. Come to the social room at 9:30 each Tuesday for a time of study and good fellowship. It's not too late to join the discussion. 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.

Calendar of Events October 22 to October 28

Monday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Sorting

Tuesday 9:30am PW Horizons Bible Study

Wednesday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Sorting
 10am-2pm Senior Activity Program
 7pm-8pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 8pm-9pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Open

Saturday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Open

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

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Sunday Service Broadcast WBRV-900 AM, 101.3 FM, WLLG-FM

Pastor – Rev. Loril Hawk

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist/Pianist – Judith Barker

Ushers – Marcia MacDonald, Kathy Riehle