

Annual Meeting of the Congregation 11:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer Rev. Jonathan Krogh

Celebrating Our Year Together Slideshow

Necrology Report Rev. Jonathan Krogh

Election of Elders, Deacons and Audit Committee
Bob Webb, Moderator of Congregational Nominating Committee

Elder Slate for Class of 2021:

Melissa Cogan
*Rob Davis
*Ariel Gloor
*Melissa Huitink
Tom Powers

Deacon Slate for Class of 2021:

*Barb Barr
*Mike Benninger
Kim De Peder
Sandy Fallon
*Kelly Higgins
Lynn Kust
Maryann Webb

Deacon Candidates for Openings in Class of 2019:

Kim De Boer
Sally Powers

*also to be ordained

2017 Audit Committee Slate:

Greg Beglen
Lee Benisek

2018 Budget Gina Pfeifer, Church Treasurer

Pastor's Terms of Call Rob Higgins, Moderator of Personnel Committee

Closing Prayer Rev. Jonathan Krogh

Charge & Blessing

Peace of Christ Turn and greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Postlude Trumpet Tune in E-Flat Major David N. Johnson



*Inviting people
into a life of meaning and purpose
in Christ*



February 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

Today at First Presbyterian...

Welcome! If you are a guest with us this morning, we are so glad you chose to worship with us. We invite you to visit our website at www.fpclg.org for more information about our church, "Like" us on Facebook (First Presbyterian Church of La Grange) and join us for one of our Sunday morning services again: Classic Worship at 9:30 a.m. or Community Worship at 11:15 a.m.

The flowers on the chancel are given by the Huitink family for those battling cancer and all those whose lives have been affected by it.

Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals and assisted listening devices are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

The Church Nursery, located off Westminster Hall, is available for children too young for the activities offered during the service. The Nursery will remain open during the annual meeting.

Following the Time for Children in the worship service:

- **Ages 2-4** exit with their teacher for our **Preschool Sunday School Class** in the Nursery.
- **Age 5-Grade 8** will gather at the east door of the Sanctuary to head to their **Indoor Winter Olympic Games Day** in Fellowship Hall. Activities will continue through the annual meeting. *Parents: Please pick up and sign out your child after worship in Fellowship Hall.*

We welcome into membership Joan Musil and Chris and Olivia Hein (sons Atticus-4 and Elliot-2).

The offering is our response to the word of God. The green card in the pew rack is for those who contribute on a non-weekly basis (monthly, online, bank transfer, etc.) to place in the offering, allowing participation in an important part of Christian worship.

Please join us in the Parlor following the annual meeting for a reception in celebration of Derek Metcalf's 90th birthday!

Crusader Choir (Age 4-Grade 8) will rehearse in Room 210 after the annual meeting.

Check out the Lost & Found table in the west cloister—unclaimed items will be donated.

Take one of our March "News & Opportunities" flyers from the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. The March calendar is on the back side of the flyer.

To be added to our Weekly E-mail Update list, e-mail Jen at jstockbridge@fpclg.org.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Welcome! Please sign and pass the attendance pad, introducing yourself and extending the hospitality and love of Christ to one another. We invite you to write joys or concerns on the prayer request cards in the pew racks and pass them to the ushers during the first hymn.

Prelude I Will Rise Chris Tomlin

Welcome

Choral Introit We center our hearts into God's presence.

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 22*

Leader: O LORD, I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters.

People: **In the midst of the congregation I will praise you!**

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

People: **All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him. Stand in awe of him!**

Leader: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted.

People: **He did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

People: **All the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

***Hymn #488** The God of Abraham Praise
(Pass prayer request cards to the center aisle for the ushers to pick up.)

Time for Children

Blessing the Children in Song Hymn #134 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace, verse 3
As we sing, preschoolers may leave through the west door for their Sunday School Class in the Nursery. Kindergarten-Grade 8 may meet their ranger in the hallway just east of the Sanctuary.

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession** *(unison)* **God of righteousness, we confess we like our religion easy, not too confrontational, not too demanding. We prefer to delight in the message of grace and skim over the parts regarding sacrifice and sanctification. Slow us down to read and understand the depth of Your call to us. Amen. (silent prayer of confession)**

***Sung Response Hymn #183** In You, Lord, I Have Put My Trust, verse 1

***Assurance & Gloria Patri** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Please stand in spirit and join in body as you are able.*

Sung Response Hymn #183 In You, Lord, I Have Put My Trust, verse 3

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 (Old Testament p. 12)
Epistle Scripture Romans 4.13-25 (New Testament p. 145)

Anthem Arms of Love Craig Musseau

Gospel Scripture Mark 8.31-38 (New Testament p. 41)

Message by Jonathan Krogh

Reception of New Members Chris and Olivia Hein, Joan Musil

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)—see p. 14 in your hymnal.

***Song** Center Charlie Hall

O Christ, be the center of our lives.

Be the place we fix our eyes; be the center of our lives.

You're the center of the universe. Everything was made in You, Jesus.

Breath of every living thing, everyone was made in You.

You hold everything together; you hold everything together.

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Breath of every living thing, everyone was made in You.

You hold everything together; you hold everything together. *(Repeat)*

O Christ, be the center of our lives. Be the place we fix our eyes;

be the center of our lives.

We lift our eyes to heaven, and we wrap our lives around Your life.

We lift our eyes to heaven, to You. *(Repeat.)*

Offering Lord, I Want to Be a Christian David Lantz III

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Hymn #376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

You are invited to be seated for our annual meeting.

Children are welcome to stay in the Nursery or with Faith Forest/Cross Trainers until after the meeting.

Ushers will distribute copies of the 2017 Annual Report as needed. Please take one per family.

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Jonathan Krogh, *Pastor*

Henry Sybrandy, *Organist*

Praise and Worship Team

Diane Stapleton, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Steve Knipstein, *Liturgist*

Sanctuary Choir, *directed by Jason Fahrenbach*

Dave Herndon, *Representative Elder*

Ushers: Captain Peter With, Dan Bylsma, Tim Hansen, Rob Higgins, Troy Kimberling, Greg Teegen