

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my
Thoughts from far away.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

* HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 276

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us as we
confess our sin. We are often lazy in our discipline. Our faith is flabby when put
to the test; our courage flees in the face of temptation. We are reluctant to follow
when called to action. We profess loyalty, and yet deny the need to commit.
Forgive our weak will and strengthen our faith that we may become your
devoted servants.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING I Samuel 3:1-10

* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" 525

SECOND READING John 1:43-51

SERMON "We Have Found Him" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

**We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the
life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and
present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. We believe that
the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and
accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love
others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's
grace. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" 172

POSTLUDE

***Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand**

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: Today at Noon the Session will have a brief meeting with a representative of Helping Hand to get an update on their work and needs.

Next Sunday following worship we will have our annual Congregational Meeting to receive the 2018 budget as approved by the Session and to receive reports on last year's work. Bring your questions! Following the brief meeting we will adjourn to share lunch downstairs!

Our All-Presbytery Retreat will take place February 9-11 at Chaparral Retreat Center in Iowa Park. This year the retreat is a Festival of Worship and EVERYONE is encouraged to attend! We will enjoy fun, fellowship and all sorts of worship services, from "traditional" to tailgate, from jazz vespers to Appalachian-style. If you are interested in attending, please see Janell for registration forms.

Birthdays: January 14 – Rose Lusk, 18 – Phyllis Harmony.

Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week by _____

Refreshments: _____, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is **January 22, 2018**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session Meets** – Today following Worship.
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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