

***Confession of Faith** – Westminster Confession 4.1

In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to create the world out of nothing in order to reveal the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness. He made everything in the world, visible and invisible, in the space of six days, and it was very good.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

#441

***Benediction**

Postlude

Leading Today's Service

Elder	Henry Groenenberg
Accompanist	Zach Vreeman
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Head Usher	Leith Culver
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First Presbyterian Church is Reformed congregation and a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. For more information about First Presbyterian and the EPC denomination, visit our website and Facebook page.

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or are ready and excited to join our mission to reach all of Casper for Christ, contact the church office or Pastor Mark.

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Welcome to our Visitors

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are glad you are here to worship with us this morning! The pamphlet in the pew pocket will help you get to know our church better, and please fill out and return the visitor form also so that we can get to know you. We have fellowship and refreshments after the service in the parlor, which is through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and preschool-aged children. Ask anyone around you for directions. Activity bags are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for children to use during the service.



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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP

***Call to Worship** From Psalm 6

Leader: O LORD, rebuke us not in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath. Be gracious to us, O LORD, for we are languishing; heal us, O LORD, for our bones are troubled.

People: Our souls also are greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long?

Leader: Turn, O LORD, deliver our lives; save us for the sake of your steadfast love.

People: The LORD has heard our cry for mercy, the LORD accepts our prayer; let us worship our faithful and loving God.

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King

#101

***Invocation**

***Singing of Psalm 3** (To the tune of *Amazing Grace*)

Verse 1

O LORD, how are my foes increased!
Against me many rise.
How many say, "In vain for help
He on his God relies!"

Verse 2

You are my shield and glory, LORD;
You have lifted up my head.
I cried out, "LORD!" and from His hill
To me His answer sped.

Verse 3

I lay down, slept, and woke again
The LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men
Entrenched surrounding me.

Verse 4

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God!
You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men,
Their teeth break with your blows.

Verse 5

Deliverance is from the LORD,
Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore
Be on Your people shown!

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION

Ten Commandments Table II (in unison)

Ten Commandments Table II (Exodus 20:12-17) Pew Bible [Blue] p. 61, [Red] p. 78

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, you tell us in your word that he who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. We seek mercy this day, most gracious and loving Father, for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by our own fault. Forgive us for our offenses against you in the mighty name of our blessed savior Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession) **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear, believe and receive the good news of the Gospel – in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God for his grace!

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gloria Patri

#735

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

(inside front hymnal cover)

GOD BRINGS US HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 98, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 500, [Red] p. 635

Sermon

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Henry Groenenberg

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS WORD

***Hymn of Response**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

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