

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy

**NEW YEAR
NEW ME**

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

January 27, 2019
Sermon Series: A New Me
Worship 11:00

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

– 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Lord our God, your name and your Word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your Word; we are looking for your Light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so that we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

People: We, who are many, are called to worship God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

***Praise Song**

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent to serve. In Your Son's glorious name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

† Coins for Kids

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A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns

***Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (insert) #2223

Message

“Actions Speak”

Pastor Chris

Response to the Word

God of love, open our hearts to each other. Give us the courage to resist oppression. Help us protect the world from evil. Give us the wisdom to see ourselves as we truly are. Give us the vision to see you and hear your voice. Give us the courage to answer your call. Grant us the endurance to use our gifts for the purpose of your kingdom. Work your transforming love within us so that we may know your will and serve you with joy. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn**

“We Are the Church”

#558

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.



Thank you for worshipping with us today.

It is our pleasure that you have shared this experience with us. If you are without a church home, we would be delighted to have you as a part of our Church family. Pastor Chris would be happy to speak with you. God bless you and yours. Please come again. You're welcome here.

Additional parking is available at Merchants Bank, 303 Penn. Ave., on Sundays and non-banking hours.

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Church Office Hours

Nancy Plowman, Secretary

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Thrift Store

38 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Pauline Navarro

Organist: Karen Skorochod

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Ryan Dietrich

Lay Leader: Cheryl Hower