

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Hymn to Joy/St. Anthony's Chorale
setting by K. Lee Scott

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, out of your fullness we have received grace upon
grace.

You are our eternal hope;

You are patient and full of mercy;

You are generous to all who call upon you.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #300 "We Are One In The Spirit"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done, and by what we have not done. We have not
loved you with our whole heart and mind and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall**

be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Please hear our silent, personal confessions....

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, HYMN #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 6:1-9(p.143)

ANTHEM Thy Perfect Love
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-3rd grade leave for Children's Worship*

ORGAN INTERLUDE Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-13(p.922)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love is the Answer"
Sue Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the
grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the
triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom we alone
worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus
called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the
world good, and makes everyone equally in God's**

**image, male and female, of every race and people, to
live as one community. God acts with justice and
mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God
of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to
bless all the families of the earth. Loving us still, God
makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a
mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a
father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God
is faithful still. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Ayre of Four Parts
John Dowland (1562-1626)

* The Doxology, Hymn #606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #192 "Shine Jesus Shine"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Showalter (1887)

WORSHIP NOTES	
<p>Rod Wolfe is today's liturgist. Eric Salyer is today's audio visual specialist. *Please stand if you are able. **Children's Worship is located in the Chapel outside of the church office. <u>Please note the age change.</u></p>	
THIS WEEK AT FPC	
<p>Sunday, March 19 9:00am Young Children's Music 4-6:00pm Youth Groups Monday, March 20 5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's Tuesday, March 21</p>	

5:30pm **Yoga**
Wednesday, March 22
 10:00am **Bible Study** group meets in the library
 5:00pm **Room in the Inn** (AOC)
 5:30pm **Healing Journey/Lenten Study** (see announcement)
 5:30pm **Handbells**
 6:30pm **Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A**
 7:00pm **Adult Choir**
Thursday, March 23
 9:00am **Yoga**
 10-12noon **Disciple 2 class** (library)
 10:30am **Staff Meeting**
 1-3:00pm **Disciple 3 class** (library)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERIES: A HEALING JOURNEY We continue our journey by meeting on **Wednesday evenings (March 22, and April 5) at 5:30pm** to share a healthy meal and learn foundational principles that can have a great impact on you. The journey will end with the Maundy Thursday meal and service on April 13. Please contact Janet Haase at 931-206-3294 or janet@maxwellclinic.com or Kris Foust at 931-216-7801 if would like more information. Childcare is available.
PW LUNCH is extending this invitation to the men in the congregation! March 27 at 12:30 come join us in the fellowship hall, to learn about **“Finding Joy In Dealing with Troubles”** presented by Dr. Harold Vann, hosted by Leadership Team. The subject matter is about his book and his prison ministry. Lunch is \$10.00. The three ways to register are (choose one/one time):

1. Call the Office.
2. Check RSVP Box for PW Dinner on Information Tear-Off Card.
3. Bulletin Board sign-up sheet.

VBS WILL BE JULY 24-28 from 9am to 12 noon at FPC.
 #B&B are back!! Our theme this year is Hero Central- Discover Your Strength in God! We will employ art, music, storytelling, science, and play to teach children and adults all about God’s strength and love for us. Please plan to volunteer with this important outreach! Look for opportunities to get involved soon!

MEN’S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our Quarterly Men’s Breakfast on **Monday, April 3 at 8:00am** at Shoney’s on the corner of Kraft and 2nd Streets to talk about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.
MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES The church will purchase Memorial lilies for the Easter Service. Names of those in memory of (or in honor of) along with donors will be listed in the bulletin. All you do is make a donation to the FPC Memorial Garden Fund and let the church office know your loved one’s name. The deadline to have names listed in the bulletin is 1:00pm **Friday, April 7.**
PROJECT TRANSFORMATION Our church has partnered with Project Transformation. PT is a summer program that pairs college students with children & churches in under-served communities. This summer PT will launch in Clarksville at New Providence United Methodist Church with the help of 7 other local churches. Please watch the newsletter for more information on how to volunteer within this life changing ministry in our community.
www.pttennessee.org
LOOKING AHEAD:
 March 22 Healing Journey (see announcement)
 March 27 PW Lunch (see announcement)
 March 27-31 CMCSS Spring Break
 April 3 Men’s Quarterly Breakfast at Shoney’s (see announcement)
 April 5 Healing Journey (see announcement)
 April 7-9 Annual Men’s Work Retreat
 April 9 Palm Sunday
 April 13 Maundy Thursday
 April 14 Good Friday
 April 15 Easter Egg Hunt
 April 16 Easter

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
 10:00am Service

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Telephone: _____

Member(s) Visitor(s)
 Members please indicate if this is a change.
 I will attend PW Lunch I need child care

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):
 Fellowship Sunday School Small Group Study
 Meet with Pastor Baptism Membership Choir

Other: _____

Prayer Requests:

FPC is taking applications for DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY. Position will remain open until filled. If you are interested please contact Monica Drake at 645-6551 for the job description or send resume with cover letter to Vicki Wallace at vickitwallace@gmail.com .