

**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

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 2017**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE Variations on a Ground Bass  
Thommaso Antonio Vitali (C. 1665-1747)

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious;  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Live as children of the light.

**Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look at outward appearances and fail to see what pleases you. We look with judgment on others and fail to see our own sin. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Now hear our silent, personal confessions....

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, HYMN #581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26:5-11(p.159)

ANTHEM Prayer  
Lloyd Pfautsch

*Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,  
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,  
A heart of love that we may serve Thee,  
A heart of faith that we may live Thee.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE Hear My Prayer, O God (Psalm 143)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 143:1-12(p.505)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Listening to a Great Storyteller"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967* (9.19)

**Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Project Transformation  
Ellie Crain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Take My Life and Let It Be  
setting my Greg Howlett

\* The Doxology, Hymn #606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Fugato (Op.63. No.4)  
Goltermann

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Kris Foust** 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. Please note the age change.**

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

**Sunday, March 26**  
9:00am **Young Children's Music**  
4:00pm **City Church** will meet at Grace Lutheran to hear the last concert of the season  
4-6:00pm **Youth Groups**  
**Monday, March 27**  
12:30pm **PW Lunch**  
5:00pm **Theology on Tap @ Shoney's**  
**Tuesday, March 28**  
5:30pm **Yoga**  
**Wednesday, March 29**  
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 30**  
 9:00am **Yoga**  
 10-12noon **Disciple 2 class** (library)  
 1-3:00pm **Disciple 3 class** (library)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**SERIES: A HEALING JOURNEY** We continue our journey on **Wednesday, 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](mailto:janet@maxwellclinic.com) or Kris Foust at 931-216-7801 if you would like more information. Childcare is available.

**ANNUAL MEN’S WORK RETREAT** The annual retreat will be for an entire weekend again this year! We will ride the bus down on **Friday, April 7 and return April 9**. Please contact Mark Banasiak at 980-8185 with your questions. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**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!

**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 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 seven 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](http://www.pttennessee.org)

**FIREHOUSE DAY SHELTER** With the conclusion of Room in the Inn this week for the winter, the Firehouse Day Shelter is asking for donations of tents, sleeping bags and water proof sleeping mats. The weather is very unpredictable and there is still a need for the homeless to be protected from the elements throughout the spring, summer and fall. If you have any items to donate please leave them labeled “Firehouse” in Kris Foust’s office.

**CENTERING PRAYER** Immaculate Conception Centering Prayer Group with Dr. Ron Oakland begins again on **April 10** in the St. Joseph Center Library. Meetings will be held weekly on Monday, 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday, 2-3pm. No registration or commitment is required; just come when you like, as you are, but don’t go as you came! We watch a video for 15 or 30 minutes, and then have 25 minutes of silence, with 5 minutes for discussion or sharing. For more information contact Dr. Ron at 931-217-1292.

**ATTENTION:**

**IF YOU KNOW ANYBODY, FRIENDS AND/OR FAMILY, COMING IN FOR EASTER SERVICE; PLEASE CALL AND TELL THEM THERE IS ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00am!!!!**

**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.

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:

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**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](mailto:vickitwallace@gmail.com) .

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

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 10 Centering Prayer (see announcement)

April 13 Maundy Thursday

April 14 Good Friday

April 15 Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 Easter