

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 of Easter

April 30, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Ar Hyd y Nos
"God That Madest Earth and Heaven"
traditional Welsh Melody

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
When Jesus speaks, our hearts respond to his voice;
our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse to listen. You feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for other things. Forgive us; give us new life! Lead us to repent and remember the promise of our baptism: the life that death cannot destroy; 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 Romans 12:9-21 (p.922)

ANTHEM "At Home, Let There Be Love"
with "Blest be the Tie That Binds"
Ruth Elaine Schram

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE "What Wondrous Love is This"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 (p.940)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Home (Shelter, Nurture, Fellowship)"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #774 "There is Now a New Creation"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.22ff.)*

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides

people in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humankind in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Life in Christ is eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
setting by Amy Webb

* The Doxology, Hymn #606

* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Allegro"
from Trumpet Voluntary
John Bennett (1735-1784)

WORSHIP NOTES

Carol Riggins is today's liturgist.
Rick Prall 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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 30

9:00am Young Children's Music

4-6:00pm Youth Groups

Monday, May 1

5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's

Tuesday, May 2

5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, May 3

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the library

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 4

9:00am Yoga

10-12noon Disciple 2 class (library)

10:30am Staff Meeting

1-3:00pm Disciple 3 class (library)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. **Our week of reading with the children is June 26-29 from 9:15am-12:15pm. We need 10-12 adult volunteers.** For more information please see Kris Foust or Sallie Armstrong.

VBS WILL BE JULY 24-28 from 9am to 12 noon at FPC.

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! VBS has a website this year for volunteers:


<http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/fpcclarksville/>

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are collecting items for our service committee this month. The items are for personal hygiene: small to medium size toothpaste, toothbrushes,

deodorant, women's feminine products, body wipes, soaps, hand sanitizers, toilet tissue, etc.


LOOKING AHEAD:

May 7 Youth Sunday

May 14 Mother's Day 

May 19 ESP trip to Nashville Fairgrounds (see ESP bulletin board for additional information & to sign-up)

May 21 Session

May 25 CMCSS Graduations Begin 

May 29 Memorial Day-Office Closed

THE SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

What are the Great Ends? They are the foundational goals of church life, foundational to who the church is and what the church is called to do. They show a holistic vision of what the church's life should be. They are, indeed, a mission statement.

1. The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind - (speaking the Gospel)
2. The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God - (the inner life of the congregation or denomination)
3. The Maintenance of Divine Worship - (praise and prayer)
4. The Preservation of the Truth - (to care for, handle, and stand up for the truth of the Gospel)
5. The Promotion of Social Righteousness - (social action)
6. The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World - (the witness of the Christian life)

What is FPC's specific Great End? It is our mission statement, "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!"

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:

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.