

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Chaconne"
Henry Purcell (1658-1965)

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!
How can we know the way of God?
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You call us to be a living temple, but we reject the very cornerstone. You call us to be a holy people, but we resist your saving grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Make us new people, a new temple, filled with the Spirit of life--the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 8:31-38 (p.871)

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth"
setting by Dale Wood

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1:8-9 (p.169)

SERMON "Preserving Truth"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
(Hymnal p.35)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*The Doxology, Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN (Insert) "Onward, Christian Soldiers"


*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Theodore Hoelty-Nickel (1894-1986)

WORSHIP NOTES

Laura Black is today's liturgist.
Leong Lee is today's audio visual specialist.
The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of **Heidi Hedstrom** given by Kris and Charlie Foust.
*Please stand if you are able.
**Children's Worship is located in the Chapel outside of the church office.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 14 Happy Mother's Day 
9:00am Young Children's Music
Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes
Monday, May 15
5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's
Tuesday, May 16
5:30pm Yoga
Wednesday, May 17
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 18
9:00am Yoga
11:30am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 19

5:00pm **ESP Road Trip** (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESP Come experience The Fairgrounds in Nashville in a whole new light! **Friday May 19 at 5pm** we will be leaving for ***China Lights, Illuminating the Fairground***. There will be artisans and technical staff from Zigong, China, showing 40 handmade displays, cultural multimedia displays, Asian food and beverage, live entertainment, art & magic! Tickets are \$10.00 for seniors. This unique experience is open to all members. Please sign up to ride the church bus on the ESP bulletin board. Hope we can take a full bus!!!

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/>

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!"



Wishing you the
very best this
Mother's Day!

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: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 21 Session

Senior Dinner (TBA)

May 25 CMCSS Graduations Begin 

May 29 Memorial Day-Office Closed