

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism May 21, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Just Like John" arr. Young
 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" arr. Page
 "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico" arr. Thompson
 Adult Handbells

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!

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You made the heavens and the earth, but we worship our own devices. You send your Spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own way. Forgive us; give us new life! Renew the promise of

our baptism and make us ready to receive the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SILENT CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-11 (p.954)

ANTHEM "Prayer for Today"
 by Margaret Tucker, arr. Michael Kemp

*God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere
Who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes
run out.*

*God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere
Who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange,
sad faces.*

*God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere
Who live in comfort, love, and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease;
But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.*

*God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere
To come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world
your home, indeed.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 1:22-27; 2:14-17
 (p.980)

SERMON "Making a Difference"
 Rev. Dr. Bob Lueck

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hazel Marie Sanders
(Trent & Camille Sanders)

Walter David Hill

(David, Sara and Charlotte [big sister] Hill)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "I Will Exalt Thee" C. Debrinski
 Adult Handbells

*The Doxology, Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Tracy Jackson is today's liturgist.
Leong Lee 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, May 21

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

6:00pm Session

Monday, May 22

5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's

Tuesday, May 23

5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, May 24

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 25

9:00am Yoga

11:30am Staff Meeting

CMCSS Graduations Begin 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION Thank you to all who have volunteered with Project Transformation. We have folks lined up to prepare 3 meals and we have reading tutors Monday June 26-Thursday June 29. If you are reading and have not both signed up on line to be a volunteer or completed the link for a background check, these two items need to be addressed asap. If you have a current background check on file (current is less than 4 years old as of June 29) then I will need a copy along with information on the qualifying agency. Project

Transformation is required to follow a strict TN mandated policy regarding church volunteers working with children. Thank you for your attention to these procedures.

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!"

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: _____

Let's welcome **Maggie Randolph** and **Justin Bradberry** to the FPC staff. Maggie is the afternoon receptionist working Monday-Thursday 1-5 and Justin is our "IT Guy" working 10 hours a week.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 29 Memorial Day-Office Closed

June 4 Macedonia Presbyterian Homecoming, RSVP to Laura Palmer at 645-4260

June 26 Project Transformation (see announcement)

July 24 VBS! (see announcement)