

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Coro from "Water Music"
George F. Handel

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!
Cast all your cares upon the Lord, who cares for you.
The God of all grace will support and sustain us.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You have offered us your Word; still we trust in worldly truths. You have offered us eternal life; still we cling to temporary things. Forgive us; give us new life! Show us the glory of your presence and the gift of your promise: 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 1 Peter 2:9-12 (p.984)

ANTHEM "My God, My King, Thy Praise I Sing"
Gordon Young

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE God of Great and God of Small

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
(p.959)

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

SERMON "Living Out Heaven Now"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #772 "Live into Hope"

*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 "How Beautiful"
Setting by Marilyn White

*The Doxology, Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #720 "Jesus Calls"

*CHARGE & BENECTION

*POSTLUDE Toccata Eroica
Edward Broughton

WORSHIP NOTES

Tom Presler 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, May 28
9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes
6:00pm Session
Monday, May 29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED
5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's
Tuesday, May 30
5:30pm Yoga
Wednesday, May 31
10:00am Bible Study group meets in the library
6:00pm Handbells
6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm **Adult Choir**
Thursday, June 1
9:00am **Yoga**
10:30am **Staff Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MACEDONIA PRESBYTERIAN HOMECOMING

Macedonia (our sister church located on Briarwood Road) will have their annual homecoming **Sunday, June 4** beginning with worship at 10:00am with a covered dish lunch at 11:30am. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please RSVP to Laura Palmer at 931-645-4260.

PW Potluck Dinner and Craft night is June 12. Yvonne Hiatt asks that you bring a hammer and flower heads to use for flower pounding! For more information call or text Yvonne at 302-7896. Use the bulletin tear-off, sign-up sheet, or call the office to register. Thank you.

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. VBS website to register children or to volunteer is:

<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.
 I will attend PW Dinner 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: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 3/4 Leslie our "local" connection to Haiti will be here with a slide show during Sunday School. Contact Ann Waddle if you are interested.

June 4 Macedonia Presbyterian Homecoming (see announcement)

June 12 PW Potluck Dinner (see announcement)

June 26 Project Transformation (see announcement)

July 24 VBS! (see announcement)