

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

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "O World, I Must Leave You"
Johannes Brahms

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.
Jesus calls us to be his disciples.
We take up the cross to follow him.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #213 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things--the good news of the gospel and the

promise of new life in you; 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 Romans 8:12-17 (p.919)

ANTHEM "Create In Me, O God, A Clean Heart"
Johannes Brahms

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 3:19c-35 (p.814)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Focus on Our Family"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #736 "I Want to Be as Close to You"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*
(10.3.41-10.3.51)

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house
of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"O Sacred Head"
Johannes Brahms

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G minor"
Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP NOTES

Dan Akin is today's liturgist.

Rick Prall is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Music Director.

*Please stand if you are able.

**Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.

Wifi

To connect and use Wifi while you are in the building:

Network: FPCGuest
Password: Welcome2fpc

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

4:00pm Middle/High School groups at AOC

6:00pm Session

Monday, February 26

5:00pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday, February 27

4:30pm EMPTY BOWLS (see announcement)

6:00pm Ramsey Class

Wednesday, February 28

10:00am Bible Study

5:00pm Room in the Inn

5:45pm Dinner at Trinity (see announcement)

6:00pm Handbells

6:00pm Greek Class

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 1

9:00am Yoga

9:00am Staff Meeting

10-12noon/1-3pm Disciple Classes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPTY BOWLS HOPE, NOT HUNGER. Please join us for dinner for the **Tenth Annual Empty Bowls** in Clarksville on **Tuesday, February 27** in Fellowship Hall from **4:30-7pm**. Tickets are **\$15** and can be purchased in the church office, from Kris Foust or on line at www.eventbrite.com. For more information see the flyers on the bulletin boards, in the February Newsletter or go to www.facebook.com/ClarksvilleEmptyBowls. **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** are involved in the empty bowls project. We are asking the women to bring homemade cookies/bars, two to a bag, to church Sunday, February 25 or Monday, February 26 in lieu of our "cookie swap" lunch planned originally.

This year on **Wednesdays during Lent**, we are joining **TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH** at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and a forum and book discussion about Haiti. I hope you see you there.

The items in the Parker house are available for purchase through **MIDDLE TN AUCTION CO.** All information can be found on their web site at www.mtauctions.com. Look for **"On line only Absolute Estate Auction 2188 Fairfax Dr"**.

The auction will close **TODAY February 25.**

March 1, the Thursday morning YOGA CLASS will be starting at 8:30am. The class will continue to meet in the gym of the AOC.

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT will be **March 16-18** at Montgomery Bell State Park! Please contact Liz Thomas at 931-249-9180 or Rhonda Banasiak at 931-980-8184 with any questions. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin outside of the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR AN AFTERNOON

RECEPTIONIST Maggie will be leaving us in May. This position is 1-5, Monday through Thursday. If you are, or if you know anyone who would be interested please contact the church office. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! First Presbyterian Gala is being held at the Museum MAY 17, 5:30-8pm. This Gala is the kick-off for the Capital Campaign.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2018 has been set for July 9-13. Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and come join us!

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 2-4 NaCoMe Spring Retreat

March 11 Second Sunday Lunch

March 16-18 Women's Retreat (see announcement)

March 17-18 Youth Work Trip

March 23 Deadline for Memorial Lilies

March 25 Palm Sunday

March 29 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm at Trinity

March 30 Good Friday noon at First Presbyterian

April 1 Easter

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 any changes if info.

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: _____

SERMON NOTES: