

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "The Morning Trumpet"
arr. L. Lamb
Handbells

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.
The Lord of life is lifted up!
Let us look to him and live.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #172 "Blest Are They"

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of
ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you
have provided all we need. We continue to walk in
darkness when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so**

**that we may not perish but may have eternal life;
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 Psalm 146:1-10 (p. 507)

ANTHEM "Blest Are They"
John Carter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-11 (p. 785)

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

SERMON "The Lure of Success"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #806 "I'll Praise My Maker"

*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 "A Joyful Psalm"
M. Hellman
Handbells

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in d minor"
Henry Purcell

WORSHIP NOTES

Sue Reynolds is today's liturgist.
Eric Salyer 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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes
Young Children's Music (until 9:15)
11:00am Second Sunday Lunch-please join us
Monday, March 12
4:00pm Professional Staff Committee
5:00pm Theology on Tap
Tuesday, March 13
12:30pm Martha Circle
2:00pm Congregational Care Committee

5:30pm Yoga
 6:00pm Ramsey Class
 7:00pm Night Circle
Wednesday, March 14
 10:00am Bible Study
 5:00pm Room in the Inn
 5:45pm Dinner at Trinity (see announcement)
 6:00pm Greek Class
 6:00pm Handbells
 6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A
 7:00pm Adult Choir
Thursday, March 15
 8:30am Yoga
 9:00am Staff Meeting
 10-12noon/1-3pm Disciple Classes
Deadline for newsletter information
Friday, March 16 Women's Retreat (see announcement)
Saturday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Youth work trip to NaCoMe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is hosting a dinner for new members and visitors on Thursday, April 19, at 6:00pm in fellowship hall.

The committee has been in the process of contacting new members and visitors and we need your help! If you know of a new member or visitor that has not been contacted, please contact a committee member. We do not want to miss anyone. Thank you for helping us to accomplish this important task. **New members and visitors, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and RSVP** to Kristi Kimmell 931-980-9448, Brandi Goodwin 931-237-4344, or to Kris Foust 931-216-78701. We are excited about this time of fellowship!



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.

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

HOLY WEEK Midday Services:

The downtown churches will offer a noontime service and light meal each work day during Holy Week 2018.

Monday- Madison Street United Methodist

319 Madison Street

Tuesday - Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic

709 Franklin Street

Wednesday – St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church

518 Franklin Street

Thursday – Trinity Episcopal Church

317 Franklin Street

Good Friday - First Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25 Pre-K-7 grade will present palms during the service. All students Pre-K through high School will join the choir for the Anthem.



EASTER EGG HUNT The 63rd Annual Easter Egg hunt will be **Saturday March 31, 3:00 to 4:30pm**, at Jane & Steve Wallace's home, **145 E. Glenwood!** Parents are asked to bring cookies and/or juice to share with everyone.

SAVE THE DATE! FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GALA is being held at the Customs House Museum Thursday, May 17, 5:30-8pm This Gala is the kick-off for the Bicentennial Capital Campaign!



MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES The church will purchase Memorial lilies for the Easter Service. Names of those in memory of (or in honor of) along with donors will be listed in the bulletin, April 1. All you do is donate to the FPC Memorial Garden Fund and let the church office know your loved one's name. The deadline to have names listed in the bulletin is 1:00pm **Friday, March 23.**



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: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

March 17-18 Youth Work Trip

March 18 Session

March 23 Deadline for Memorial Lilies (see announcement)

March 25 Palm Sunday (see announcement)

March 29 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm at Trinity

March 30 Good Friday noon at First Presbyterian

March 31 Easter Egg Hunt (see announcement)

April 1 Easter

April 3 Men's Quarterly Breakfast

April 13 Friday Family Fun Night

April 19 New Members & Visitors Dinner (see announcement)

SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2018 has been set for July 9-13.

The theme this year is **Rolling River Rampage**. Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and come join us!