

# 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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2018**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Improvisation on "Duke Street"

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!**

Beloved, we are God's children now;

**when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign"

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us, yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead, yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and life as your beloved children; 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 Daniel 3:1-18 (p. 719)

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Shepherd"  
Howard Goodall

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 3:19-30 (p. 719)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Heat is On!"  
(Unreasonable Boss, part 1)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Theological Declaration  
of Barmen* (8.14-8.15)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to

Jesus Christ, but to other lords--areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE March from "Occasional Oratorio"  
G.F. Handel

## WORSHIP NOTES

Sam Mills is today's liturgist.

Jack Neubauer is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Kenneth Williams, Accompanist.

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

THE PRAYER GROUP will gather at the front of the sanctuary **TODAY from 11:15-11:45** to pray for our church. All are welcomed to join in prayer.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 15 Assessment

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

6:00pm Session

Monday, April 16 Assessment

5:00pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday, April 17

5:00pm Yoga

6:00pm Presentation of Assessment/Recommendations

**Wednesday, April 18**  
 10:00am Bible Study  
 6:00pm Greek Class  
 6:00pm Handbells  
 6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A  
 7:00pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, April 19**  
 8:30am Yoga  
 9:00am Staff Meeting  
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (see announcement)  
**Friday, April 20**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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



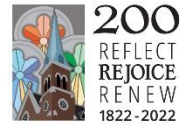
This committee has been in the process of contacting new members and visitors and we need your help! If you know of a new member or visitor that has not been contacted, please contact a committee member. We do not want to miss anyone. Thank you for helping us to accomplish this important task. **NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and RSVP** to Kristi Kimmell 931-980-9488, Brandi Goodwin 931-237-4344, or to Kris Foust 931-216-7801. We are excited about this time of fellowship!

**PRESCHOOL TEACHING OPPORTUNITY** The Preschool is seeking a teacher for our 3's classes beginning in September 2018. The position requires approximately 20 hours weekly, Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 12:30 and once weekly until 2pm. The class size is 14 children and is staffed with an experienced full-time teacher's aide. Previous teaching experience is necessary for this position. Please send a resume to Mary Linn Sadler, Director, to the church or to [mlsadler7@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsadler7@hotmail.com). You may also call the Preschool at 931-645-0313 for more information.

**PW DINNER is April 23 at 6:00pm.** Ladies, come join us in the fellowship hall, to learn about **"Food from the Bible"**, presented by Sue Reynolds & hosted by Night Circle. Dinner is \$11.00.

- Three ways to register (choose one/one time):
1. Call the Office.
  2. Check RSVP Box for PW Dinner on Information Tear-Off Card.
  3. PW Bulletin Board sign-up sheet.

**SAVE THE DATE! Our First Presbyterian Church Gala will be held at the Customs House Museum on Thursday, May 17 from 5:30-8:00pm. This Gala is a celebration kick-off for our Bicentennial Capital Campaign. Childcare and parking will be available at the church. The church bus will shuttle adults from our parking lot to the museum and back to the church lot at the end of the evening. To prepare for the children a reservation must be made with Dianne York (pdslyork@gmail.com). The Gala is just the beginning of our celebrations as we "Reflect, Rejoice and Renew" toward 2022!**



**The Gala is free of charge.**

**A NOTE FROM THE SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Due to significant illnesses of members of this committee, it is imperative that those interested in interviewing clients should contact Gail Hudson at 931-801-5073 as soon as possible. If we do not increase the number of volunteers, services may be jeopardized. **Our temporary hours during April and May are first and third Monday's (4:30-6pm) and first and third Friday's (1:30-3pm).**

**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! **Volunteers needed! Please let Dianne know if you are interested.**

**MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD**

**Please complete and place in offering plate**  
10:00am Service


Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s)                       Visitor(s)  
 Members please indicate any changes if info.  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
 April 23 PW Dinner (see announcement)  
 May 6 Youth Sunday  
 May 9 Estate Planning Class  
 May 13 Mother's Day  
 May 17 FPC Gala (see announcement)  
 May 20 Session  
    Senior Dinner (TBA)   
 May 24 CMCSS Graduations begin  
 May 28 Memorial Day Office Closed