

**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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 29, 2018**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Festival Overture"  
K. McChesney  
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!**

Beloved, let us love one another.

**We love because God first loved us.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us,**

**God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; 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 5:1-12 (p. 721)

ANTHEM "A Clare Benediction"  
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 5:13-31 (p. 722)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Handwriting Exam"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #342 "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Theological Declaration of Barmen* (8.20-8.21)

**The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, apart from this ministry, could and were permitted to give to itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "My Lord, What a Mornin'"  
arr. Atteberry  
Handbells

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Finale from "Royal Fireworks Music"  
G.F. Handel

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Tom Pressler** 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.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, April 29**

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

4:00pm Middle School & High School youth meetings

**Monday, April 30**

5:00pm Theology on Tap

**Tuesday, May 1**

5:00pm Yoga

**Wednesday, May 2**

10:00am Bible Study

6:00pm Greek Class

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, May 3**

8:30am Yoga

9:00am Staff Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE** is asking people to contact them if they would like homebound communion.

Homebound communion takes place quarterly. If you would like communion or know of someone who needs to be contacted about this service, please call Diane Miner at (931) 249-5273.

The **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**, will be hosting an **ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR** for members and friends on **Wednesday, May 9, @ 5:00pm** in the Chapel. The seminar will last about an hour, with light appetizers served. Presenting information will be Jack Turner, Cathy McLeod, and John Crow. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Monica at 645-6551.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH is May 20.**

We would like to recognize ALL Volunteers who have been a part of our Sunday School program this year. Plan to stay after service on May 20 to be treated to lunch!

**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](mailto: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.

We are again partnering with **PROJECT TRANSFORMATION** this summer. This was the Summer reading/mentoring program run by college interns through the Methodist church. Our week of reading will be **June 25-28, Monday-Thursday**. Like last year you may participate one, two, three or all 4 days. We are also responsible for the three Thursday night meals for the 9 interns housed at APSU. Please let Kris Foust (931-216-7801 or [hedstromkris3@gmail.com](mailto:hedstromkris3@gmail.com)) know how you would like to participate. **We would like to recruit more men, the boys in the program really need good male role models.** It will likely be the most rewarding volunteer opportunity you will experience all summer. Thank you.

**VBS Training day for volunteers is Saturday, May 20 from 11:45-1pm. Please contact Jeanne Salyer or Dianne York if you are interested.** 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! Day is available for both events.

**PROFESSIONAL WOMEN** would like your suggestions for program topics. If there is a topic you are very interested in, please email your suggestion to Marcia at [mwill42168@aol.com](mailto:mwill42168@aol.com) or let Monica know. Thank you.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOKING AHEAD:

May 6 Youth Sunday

May 9 Estate Planning Class (see announcement)

May 13 Mother's Day

May 17 FPC Gala (see announcement)

May 20 Teacher Appreciation Lunch (see announcement)

VBS Training (see announcement)

Session

May 24 CMCSS Graduations begin 

May 28 Memorial Day Office Closed

June 25 Project Transformation (see announcement)