



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 13, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Largo, from "Xerxes"
G.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!
The word of God is truth.
Let us be sanctified in the truth.
Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ's ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. You allow us to share in Christ's own life, but we fail to believe this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for we belong to you. Sanctify

us in your truth that our hope and joy may be complete; 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 6:1-9 (p. 723)

ANTHEM "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"
Spiritual, arr. Gilpin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 6:10-28 (p. 723)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Lions Den"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #756 "O God of Every Nation"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Theological Declaration
of Barmen (8.22-8.26)*

Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists, the state has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. It fulfills this task by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability. The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment

in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Improvisation

WORSHIP NOTES

Tracy Jackson is today's liturgist.
Leong Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.
Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.
Kenneth Williams, Accompanist.
The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of **Heidi Hedstrom** given by Kris and Charlie Foust.
*Please stand if you are able.
**Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

9:00am Young Children's Music

Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00am Congregational Meeting

Monday, May 14

4:00pm Professional Staff Meeting

5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's

Tuesday, May 15

5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, May 16

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the library

5:00pm Estate Planning

6:00pm Handbells

6:00 Greek Class

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 17

9:00am Staff Meeting

5:30pm GALA (see announcement)

We would like to recognize and thank our active duty, retired military personnel and veterans on Sunday May 27. We also ask that if you are active duty to please wear your dress blues or greens to church May 27. We are proud to have you as members of our congregation!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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!

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! Daycare is available for both events.

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. Please let Kris Foust (931-216-7801 or 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.

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.

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:

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)



Wishing you the
very best this
Mother's Day!