

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Hal Hopson

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51:15-17

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth will declare Your praise!

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not despise.

\* HYMN, #260 "A Mighty Fortress"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, our hope, you call us to new life and promise us forgiveness.

Have mercy on us as we confess our sin and brokenness. You have said in your Word that the fruit of your Holy Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

We confess that our Love for you and our neighbor has grown cold.

Our joy and peace have been drained, as we rush into our stress-filled lives without meeting first with You.

Our patience has been short, and we have hurt those we love.

Forgive us for not making room in our lives for your Spirit to fill us. Help us now, in our silent prayers, to admit our weakness, and draw from your strength, through Jesus Christ our Savior...

SILENT PRAYER

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 53:3-8

Congregational response:

We, like sheep, have gone astray;

We have all turned to our own way,

And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ANTHEM (11:00) "These Forty Days" Z. Reissner

Lord, grant that in our penitence we may also bring our praise, and through your sacrifice of love, receive your gift of grace.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children ages four through first grade depart for children's worship

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Personalities of the Passion

(4) Simon Peter: *When the Rooster Crows*

"I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied that you know me three times."

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

\* APOSTLES CREED Hymnal, p. 14 top

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Esther Sooter, solo

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN, #92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE "Grand Jeu" Jean Adam Gulain

### OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO EASTER

Next week is Palm Sunday. A Palm procession of our children, the children's choir joining our adult Choir for the anthem, and a personal look at the Centurion at the foot of the cross from Mark 15:39, will usher us into Holy Week. For those who follow Christ, Palm Sunday and Holy Week is a time to re-examine our lives, our priorities, our wavering faith, and our God who saves us.

Fish Banks located in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office are intended for families to take home and place on their dinner table, or single adults to place on their dresser as a reminder of a daily "loose change offering." Others make it a *fasting offering*, once a week or once a day, for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be received on Easter Sunday, April 8.

### WORSHIP NOTES

Scott Sitter is the Elder of the Day. Mark Banasiak is our liturgist.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of

the congregation Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

‡ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place in the offering plate.

\* If you are able, please stand.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, March 25

4-6:00 pm Middle School & Senior High Youth meet. Middle School should bring \$\$ for a fast-food supper.

**Monday, March 26**

11:30 am **PW Board of Officers** meet.  
12:30 pm **PW Luncheon** in the fellowship hall at 12:30 pm. The program will be "Herbs From the Bible (with recipes)" by Diane Nance. Please sign up on the bulletin board for a meal reservation (\$9) and/or child care. Menu: Two-meat lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, almond delight, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.

**Tuesday, March 27**

5:30 pm **Yoga Class** in the fellowship hall.

**Wednesday, March 28**

10:00 am **Bible Study**

5:30 pm **Wednesday Night Supper and Lenten Studies** – this is the concluding Wednesday night study with a light supper at 5:30, followed by the Lenten Study from 6-7:00 pm. Childcare is provided.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs' Wed.** at Wendy's on Madison St. (bring \$)

**Saturday, March 31**

4:15 pm **Middle School & Senior High Youth** attend All City Worship at Smyrna Presbyterian Church. The bus will leave (4:15 pm) from and return (9:30 pm) to Kmart.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A summary of this month's Session meeting is available in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

The Session has recently approved a special mission project designed by our youth...please be on the lookout for more information about their "Let Me Sow Love" Campaign!

**Men's Work Retreat @ NaCoMe**, Friday night, May 11-Saturday, May 12 mid afternoon –this will be a great opportunity for FPC men of all skill levels to join together to work around Camp NaCoMe as well as an awesome chance to fellowship and worship God. Please consider joining us.

Note: Father and sons are encouraged to sign up together (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up). The cost is \$25 (total for meals & lodging).

Registration will begin in April.

**Preschool Registration for the Fall of 2012** –for more info, an application, or to arrange a visit of the school, call Mary Linn Sadler, 645-0313.

**NaCoMe Summer Camp Forms** are available outside the church office or online at [nacome.org](http://nacome.org). The deadline to return the forms and payment is noon on April 23.

**The church office has re-chargeable gift cards** from Kroger that support our youth programs with a 4% return to the church on all your Kroger purchases. To date we have received **\$5,923.45**.

**CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL**

Janet Haase, our children's choir director, will direct "Good Kings Come in Small Packages, The Story of Josiah, the Mini Monarch," for our Spring Musical on April 15. All children are invited to participate. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades will rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6-7:00 pm during the Wednesday Night Lenten Studies.

Our younger children will rehearse with Liz Thomas during Children's Choir on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

The Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 14 from 3-6:00 pm with a pizza supper provided at 4:30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDIES & SUPPER**

The Christian Education Committee invites you to the Lenten study series "The Last Words of Christ from the Cross"

This Wednesday, March 28, taught by Dave Handley.

Light Supper (RSVP required for the meal) at 5:30 pm

This final session will examine the mystery of Atonement, from the last words of Christ from the "It is finished!" (John 19:30) and "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit!" (Luke 23:46) How do these last words help us to walk by faith?

**Please RSVP** for the meal. **All children** (ages 3 and older) will celebrate the completion of their study series of *Horton Hears a Who* by watching the movie and enjoying a special dinner from Chick-fil-A. Nursery for ages 2 and younger will be provided.

**HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service- April 5 at 6:00.** This will be a Tenebrae "Service of Darkness" with the extinguishing of candles after each scripture, and the stripping of the sanctuary of paraments, Bible, and candles until Easter Sunday.

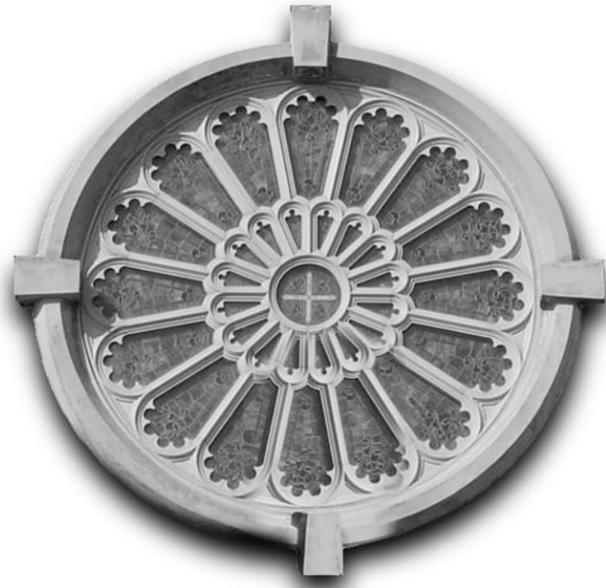
**Good Friday Worship Service-April 6 at Noon** in the FPC sanctuary. A light lunch will be served after the 30 minute service.

**Annual FPC Easter Egg Hunt-Saturday at 3:00pm** -Grab your bonnets and baskets and come hunt some cleverly hidden eggs at the Wallace's- 145 E. Glenwood. Feel free to bring cookies or cupcakes to share.

**Easter Worship Services-8:30 and 11:00** Worship (with special music beginning at 8:15 and 10:45). The choir will sing at both services, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus. Bring fresh flowers from your garden to adorn the cross in front of the sanctuary to celebrate the risen Lord.

**FEBRUARY 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income for February .....	\$35,415.73
Expenses for February .....	\$41,271.36
Net Operating Total for February .....	-\$5,855.63
Year to date income .....	\$81,916.71
Year to date expenses .....	\$86,950.59
Year-to-date operating total .....	-\$4,593.88



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