

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

### ‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

Christ is risen!  
He is risen, indeed!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,  
not we ourselves.

We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and his courts  
with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen!

### \* HYMN, #423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the  
dead, we confess that our faith is small and we need  
your power to raise us up.

When we bow before you, in the light of your  
holiness, we confess that our sins are too heavy to  
carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what we are embarrassed to name, yet  
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has  
become for us a consuming fire of self-condemnation.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed; and  
grant us grace to believe the good news and grow

more and more into your likeness, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior. Now meet with us and inspire  
our silent prayers of confession.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* RESPONSE, #108, v. 5 "Christ is Alive"

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 27 & 56: 2

Congregational Response

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

### ANTHEM "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS" Benjamin Harrison

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade depart for children's worship*

### GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### SERMON "BELIEVING IS SEEING"

*"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \* HYMN, #399 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (Choir sings v. 1, Congregation joins in for v. 2-4)

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong -body and soul, in life and death -  
not to myself but to my faithful Savior,

Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has  
fully paid for all my sins, and has

completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;  
that he protects me so well that without the will  
of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall  
from my head; indeed that everything must fit  
his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me  
of eternal life, and makes me  
wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Esther Sooter

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* The Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN, #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Remember, you go nowhere by accident.*

*Wherever you go, God is sending you.*

*Wherever you are, God has placed you there.*

*Christ who lives within you has something He wants to do  
through you.*

*Believe this!, and go in His grace, love, and power.*

*Amen.*

### \* POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

Sarah Hedstrom is the Elder of the Day. Mark Banasiak is the  
liturgist.

Printed sermons are back! Printed sermons are available in the  
vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office..

+ 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.**

**Pastor Dave is available** for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

#### Sunday, April 22

9:45am **Pre-Confirmation Class Crash Course** for incoming confirmans.

4-6pm **Senior High or Middle School Youth** meet at AOC.

#### Monday, April 23

10:30 **Pre-School Board** meets.

Noon **NaCoMe forms and money due in the church office.**

12:30 **PW Luncheon-** All women are invited to the program "Mission Clarksville/Nutrition and Labels" by Janet Haase. Sign up on the bulletin board for a meal reservation (\$9) and/or child care. Menu: Club sandwich with Greek pasta salad, summer slaw, chocolate decadence brownie, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

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

#### Tuesday, April 24

5:30 pm **Yoga** in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Wednesday, April 25

10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library

6:30pm **Senior High Youth Group-** Meet at Whitt's (Madison St).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Pre-Confirmation Crash Course** is a four week Bible study preparation designed especially for the 2013 Confirmation Class. The students will also have opportunities to interact with the 2012 class by performing a service project together

and visiting the classroom to ask questions and discuss the upcoming year.

**Men's Retreat at 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 and lodging). Sign up on bulletin board outside of the office.

**Youth Sunday**, May 6 during 11:00 worship.

**Confirmation Sunday**, May 13 during 11:00 worship

**Celebration of Teachers**, Sun. May 13 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch

**Graduating Senior Highs' Dinner**, Sun. May 20 - Graduates, please RSVP the number in your family to Mark Banasiak ASAP!

**Vacation Bible School-** Join us for "Operation Overboard— Dare to Go Deep with God.". Children ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in **VBS from July 9-13<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in volunteering during this awesome and fun week, please contact Liz Thomas (249.9180 (c), 552-6093 (h), [ethomas824@aol.com](mailto:ethomas824@aol.com)) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**Church Bus Drivers are urgently needed!** If you are interested in getting a CDL, please contact the office for details at 645-6551.

**The church office has re-chargeable gift cards from Kroger** that support our youth programs with a refund to the church on 4% of all Kroger purchases. To date we have received \$6,168.85.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Nursery is provided for infants on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

<u>Children &amp; Youth</u>	<u>Class Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
2's - Kindergarteners	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	<i>We Believe</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders	4 <sup>th</sup> floor	<i>We Believe,</i> Confirmation
*6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	4 <sup>th</sup> floor Class	Pre-Confirmation

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Class Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
Brotherhood (men)	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Explorers (men/women)	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	<i>Being Reformed:</i>  <i>Recognizing God's Grace,</i> <i>Interpretation Bible</i>
Friendship (women)	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Gospel (men/women)	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor library	<i>Feasting on the Word</i>

\*See Announcements for complete description.

### MARCH 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for March .....	\$37,313.88
Expenses for March .....	\$38,656.55
Net Operating Total for March .....	-\$1,342.67
Year to date income .....	\$119,230.59
Year to date expenses .....	\$125,167.14
Year-to-date operating total .....	-\$5,936.55



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