

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*March 17, 2013*

*"In Your will is our peace;  
In Your love is our rest;  
In Your service is our joy."*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE (11:00) "How Great Thou Art" Lew Metts, solo

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

**O God, light of the minds that know you, life of  
the souls that love you, inspiration of the  
thoughts that seek you:**

**Help us so to know you that we may truly love  
you, so to love you that we may joyfully serve  
you, whose service is perfect freedom;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN, #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save  
the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you like lost  
sheep, each one turning to our own way.**

**We are misled by pride, blind to our own faults; we  
see ourselves as great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored  
your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior.**

**Now hear our silent, personal prayers...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my  
groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by  
night, but find no rest.**

**Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you  
delivered them.**

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they  
shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him  
deliver -let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

**My oppressors are all around me; a company of evildoers  
encircles me. They have pierced my hands and my feet.**

**They divide my clothes among themselves.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly  
to my aid!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the  
Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship  
before him.**

ANTHEM

Pergolesi

"O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy" (from Stabat Mater)

*"O my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgression;  
cleanse my sin. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me. Take not  
Thy Holy Spirit from me. My mouth shall show forth Thy praise."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children, ages four - fourth grade depart for Children's Worship.*

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:18-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "How the Cross of Christ Changes Our Lives"

*"The message of the cross is foolishness to the world,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN

"Rock of Ages" Augustus Toplady, 1770

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*, hymnal pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory (8:30) "How Great Thou Art" Lew Metts, solo

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN, #307

"Fight the Good Fight"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

I bind unto myself today the  
power of God to hold and lead.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

\* POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Denice Williamson** is the Elder of the Day. **Ann Waddle** is the liturgist.

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

\* **If you are able, please stand.**

The **pink rose vase this morning** is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the births of **Lucy Hampton Smith** and **Reese Hudson Smith**, twins born on March 7, 2013, to Jay and Becky Prall Smith. Rick & Ivy Prall are the proud grandparents.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, March 17

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups meet.**

5:00 pm **Committees meet.**

6:00 pm **Session meets.**

### Monday, March 18

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

### Tuesday, March 19

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

7:00 pm **PW Night Circle meets.**

### Wednesday, March 20

10:00 am **Bible Study group** meets in the church library.

6:00 pm **Hand Bell Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Chick-Fil-A. Bring \$\$ for dinner.

7:00 pm **Adult Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

### Thursday, March 21

4:00 pm **Deadline to sign up for the PW luncheon** meal and childcare. Call the church office or see the bulletin board.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon**, Monday, March 25, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Dave Handley will present an "Easter Devotional". Reservations for the meal and child care are required by Thurs. March 21. Menu: Two-meat Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, almond delight, tea, lemonade, and coffee.

**Drop your requests for hymns** to sing in worship in the offering plate, on Neesa's desk, or email [fpccclarksville@gmail.com](mailto:fpccclarksville@gmail.com).

## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday**, March 24, Pastor Dave's message will be "The Courage of Jesus," from John 18:28-19:16, the choir will have special Palm Sunday music, and children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional. Children should meet in the chapel at

10:50 before the 11:00 worship service. Children will process with palm branches during the first hymn before joining their parents for worship or going back to the nursery. (Parents, please be sure that your child knows where to find you in the sanctuary if they are coming back to sit with you).

**Maundy Thursday Worship**, March 28, 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a light soup and salad dinner. Communion will be served around the tables with Pastor Dave and one elder at each table. Children are welcomed and encouraged to attend with their parents.

**Memorial Easter Lilies** - names of those in memoriam (or in honor) along with donors will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. All you do is make a donation to the FPC Memorial Garden Fund and notify the church office of your loved one's name by 12 noon on Tuesday, March 26. If you would like to take your lily home, please collect it after the 11:00 service.

**Good Friday Community Worship Service**, March 29, 6:00 pm, at Grace Nazarene, 3135 Trenton Rd. Pastor Dave will be participating.

**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 30, 3-5:00 pm, at Jane & Steve Wallace's home, 145 E. Glenwood. Please bring cookies and juice to share with the large group.

**Easter Sunday**, March 31. Pastor Dave's message will be "The Shock Heard Round the World." You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross outside the sanctuary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

You are invited to join a Sunday School Class! Classes are held each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Nursery is provided.

<u>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
2's – Kindergarteners	2nd floor	<i>We Believe</i>
1st – 12th Graders	4th floor	<i>We Believe</i> , and Confirmation

### ADULTS

Brotherhood (men)	3rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Explorers (men/women)	2nd floor	<i>Disciple</i> series
Friendship (women)	3rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Gospel Seekers (men/women)	3rd floor	<i>Feasting on the Word</i> , and other sources

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

<u>CLASS OF 2013</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2014</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2015</u>
Suella Arrington	Steve Griffey	Arland Batson
Chip Connell	Amy Lewellen	Laura Black
Tom Graves	Susan Marks	Doug Hildreth
Todd Harvey	Ivy Prall	Leong Lee
Janet Hudson	Tom Presler	Tracy Jackson
Karlee Kimmell	Sue Reynolds	Sarah Morgan
Scott Sitter	Ed Ritter	Carolyn Riggins
Marcia Williams	Jane Wallace	Liz Thomas
Denice Williamson		



# First Presbyterian Church

*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!*

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