

## Second Sunday of Easter and Communion

April 7, 2013

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

VBS REPORT Laura Black

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**You are my God and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN, #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name. Set us free from a past we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can change, and grant us grace, to grow more and more in your likeness and image.**

**Hear our petitions that come quietly from our hearts and minds...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Is So Good"

## 2056 God Is So Good

1. God is so good, God is so good,  
2. God cares for me, God cares for me,  
3. God loves me so, God loves me so,  
4. God is so good, God is so good,

God is so good,  
God cares for me,  
God loves me so,  
God is so good, } God's so good to me.

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 150

ANTHEM "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*On Communion Sunday there is no children's worship*

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31, Revelation 1:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Believe!" Elder Sue Reynolds

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Jesus Paid it All" Mary Beth Clark, solo  
*Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**"Hosanna in the highest!**

**That ancient song we sing**

**For Christ is our Redeemer,**

**The Lord of heaven our King.**

**O may we ever praise Him**

**With heart and life and voice,**

**And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice."**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN (soloist/choir sings first; then congregation joins for 2 repeats)

### Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal -  
le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le -  
lu - ja! Hal-le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Amy Lewellen** is the Elder of the Day. **Maggie Brown** is the liturgist.

**+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 rack and place them 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 7

10:30 am **Gathering Time** in the fellowship hall.

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

#### Monday, April 8

10:30 am **Deborah Circle** meets.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the home of Leo & Margaret Adames (130 Mary's Way in Cunningham) to view and discuss the film, "Life of Pi".

#### Tuesday, April 9

12:30 pm **Martha Circle** meets.

2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee** meets.

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

6:30 pm **Night Circle** meets for dinner at the Blackhorse. We will have a group discussion of Lesson 8.

#### Wednesday, April 10

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

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** will give a status report from the pulpit on Sunday, April 14th. This is not to announce that we have found a pastor, but to make everyone aware of the work that has been done so far. In addition the committee will be available in the fellowship hall to answer questions and show examples of the questions and forms used in the process. The PNC will be available after both services on April 14th and April 21st and hope to see you then.

**The Easter Garden**, created by children in the Wednesday Night Lenten Study, is on display outside the church office. Stop by and see our children's colorfully crafted artwork.

**Teacher Appreciation** will be celebrated during the 2nd Sunday Lunch, April 14, in the fellowship hall. The Fellowship Committee will be preparing baked ham, feta chicken, baked potatoes, macaroni & cheese, green beans, green peas, broccoli salad, brownies & ice cream, and beverages.

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon, April 22**, in the fellowship hall at 12:30 pm -All women are invited to the program given by a local

park ranger on historic Fort Defiance. Reservations are required. Please sign up on the bulletin board for a meal reservation (\$10) and/or child care. Menu: Club sandwich served with Greek pasta salad, summer slaw, chocolate decadence brownie, beverages.

**"Through the Roof", Children's Musical**, will be presented on April 28 at 10:40 am in the sanctuary. This musical is based on the story of a paralyzed man whose friends lower him from a rooftop into the midst of Jesus, in hopes that Jesus will heal him.

**The Men's Work Retreat at NaCoMe** is scheduled for Fri. May 10 through Sat. May 11. This is always 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. Father and sons are encouraged to sign up together (6th grade & up). The cost is \$25 (total for meals & lodging). Signup on the bulletin board by the deadline, May 5.

**VBS will be July 15-19** and the theme is "*Kingdom Rock; Where Kids Stand Strong for God.*" Volunteers will be needed for all types of jobs: shepherds, teachers, snack staff, and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Black ([laura.black@cmcss.net](mailto:laura.black@cmcss.net)) or Maggie Brown ([maggiemcgrady@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemcgrady@gmail.com)). There will be three Training Sessions: Sundays, April 28, May 19 & July 7, 12:05 pm and lunch and childcare will be provided. The first two are teacher training and the last is shepherd training. All VBS children will be invited to sing in worship on July 21. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, the church office, and the April newsletter.

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

**NaCoMe Summer Camp** registrations/checks must be turned in to the church office before noon on Wed. April 24. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, the April newsletter, and the church office. **Family Camp**, a new camp, will be offered August 2-4 (the weekend before public school begins). This will be a wonderful way to start the school year for your family. If you are interested, please contact the church office as registration forms are separate from the Youth Summer Camp form.

**The FPC Memorial Garden** is now available for any member of FPC and with session approval, for members of their immediate family. The garden is administered by a Memorial Garden Committee which has been appointed by the session. Currently, the committee members are Steve Griffey, Mary Linn Sadler, and Ann Waddle. A memorial plaque has been installed near the entrance to the garden, adjacent to the stairwell by fellowship hall. A fee of \$600 will be paid at time of application. This fee is to cover the costs of the bronze plaque to include the name with birth and death years of the deceased; a page in the Memorial Book; and maintenance of the garden. Arrangements for a memorial service should be made with the ministerial staff.



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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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