

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

O risen Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples and breathed on them, that they may receive the Holy Spirit.

Breathe on us, Holy Spirit!

O living Lord, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to tell the good news to all the nations, and you promised to be with them.

So be with us in our witness, Spirit of Jesus!

You who are the Resurrection and the Life, raise us up from our disappointed dreams and narrow vision to see the works you have planned for us to do.

**Open our eyes in worship today,
Spirit of the Living God!**

* HYMN, #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, who leads us not into temptation, but delivers us from evil: save us from losing the way through our self-will, and so becoming lost in a meaningless life;

Lamp of God who takes away the sin of the world: save us from abandoning the struggle, and make us strong to endure to the end;

Lover of our souls, who washed your disciples feet on the night of your betrayal: save us from our fears that so easily lead us astray, and make us

outrageous to trust you and live valiantly in your will.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession, that we may be cleansed and equipped to serve you in the world...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-14

ANTHEM "Alleluia" by Ed Harris
*God of God and King of Kings, Maker of all wondrous things,
Sing we praises unto You, Alleluia!*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children ages 4 through 4th grade depart for children's worship.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:17-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The One Who Gives Strength to Overcome"
(1) *"I AM the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #108, verses 1 & 2 "Christ is Alive!"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, hymnal pg. 14

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Diane Miner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Brett Trent, solo

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* The Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN, #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Susan Marks is the Elder of the Day. **Mark Banasiak** 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.**

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will continue the Eastertide series "Knowing God" with the message, "The One Who Nourishes Our Souls," from John 6:35, "*I AM the bread of life.*"

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am **The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** 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 also be available after both services on April 21.

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

12:05 pm **2nd Sunday Lunch, Teacher Appreciation, and PNC** in the fellowship hall. We will celebrate our teachers during lunch. The meal will be baked ham, feta chicken, baked potatoes, macaroni & cheese, green beans, green peas, broccoli salad, brownies & ice cream, and beverages. **The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** will be on hand to answer questions and show examples of the questions and forms used in the process of finding a permanent pastor.

1:00 pm **Session Council** (committee chairpersons) meets.

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

Monday, April 1510:30 am **Deborah Circle** meets.5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** .**Tuesday, April 16**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 17**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 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.

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 by April 18 for a meal reservation (\$10) and/or child care. Menu: Club sandwich served with Greek pasta salad, summer slaw, chocolate decadence brownie, coffee, tea, and lemonade.

"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.

Youth Sunday will be on May 5. Please join us as the youth will be leading worship at both worship services.

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) or Maggie Brown (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 fpcclarksville@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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TEACHERS

May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. (Deuteronomy 32:2)

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank all of our teachers for their hard work and dedication to FPC. From Sunday School to Youth Groups to VBS to Wednesday Night Studies, many of our congregation have shared their time and talents for teaching with all of us.

Thank you to all of the following:

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*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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