

Confirmation Sunday and Mother's Day
May 12, 2013

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "In the Shadow of the Cross" by Akers

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN, #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God: you have called us to be your people, and claimed us through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.

We have been timid and frightened disciples. We have waived in our trust that you have promised to be with us and speak through us.

When we sense you calling us to go beyond our comfort zones, we often shrink back to what is convenient and familiar.

Forgive us for not being clear, to ourselves and to the

world, that we are ambassadors for Christ each day.

Now, Holy Spirit, help us to confess the sins that you reveal to us silently, so that we may claim your grace and cleansing through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-7, 11-14

ANTHEM "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth
"From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
"God and Country Award" Philip and Sean Ryan

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)
Children ages four - fourth grades depart for children's worship

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:17-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Knowing God:
(1) the One Who Gives Us Strength to Overcome"
"I AM the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #495 (vs. 1 & 4) "We Know That Christ is Raised"

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

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

Jack Chavez, Alex Haase, Georgia Havens, Elizabeth Ryan,

Marc Schoonover, Drew Sturdivant, Colton Woodson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory arr. Mokelbust
"Meditation on Beautiful Savior"

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

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

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Jane Wallace 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 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.**

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowered the first disciples, and how that same Spirit is available to us today. The message, "Catching God's Breath," will come from Acts 2:1-4 and John 14:12-18, 26-27.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, May 12

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

12:05 pm **2nd Sunday Lunch** in the fellowship hall. Menu: Salisbury steak, poppy seed chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, rolls, gelatin salad, Crowder peas, cake, iced tea, lemonade and coffee .

2:00 pm **Club 345** - 3rd, 4th & 5th graders, please join Bessie Grimaldi at the AOC for games, a devotion, and refreshments. Bring a friend!

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

Monday, May 13

- 10:30 am **Deborah Circle meets.**
- 4:00 pm **Property Committee meets.**
- 5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, May 14

- 12:30 pm **Martha Circle meets.**
- 2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee meets.**
- 5:30 pm **Yoga** in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00 pm **Night Circle meets.**

Wednesday, May 15

- 10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library.
- 6:00 pm **Handbell Choir** practice on the 4th floor.
- 6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Whitt's BBQ on Madison Street for supper. Please bring money for the meal.
- 7:00 pm **Adult Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

Thursday, May 16

- 9:15 am **Preschool Graduations for 4's in the Chapel.**
- 4:00 pm **Deadline to sign up for the May 20th PW Dinner.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's A Baby Shower!!! The Night Circle is hosting the May Presbyterian Women Dinner meeting on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All women in the church are invited to join us for fun and games with a baby shower theme. The Night Circle is accepting donations of baby items for newborns such as diapers, wipes, gowns, onesies, socks, booties and blankets. These items will be given to newborns in need at Gateway Medical Center. Reservations are required for the meal (\$10) and childcare. The menu: Grilled pork tenderloin, twice-baked potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner rolls, chess pie, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Reservations for the meal and child care must be made by Thursday, May 16.

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, contact Laura Black at laura.black@cmcss.net, or Maggie Brown at maggiemcgrady@gmail.com. There will be two Training Sessions: Sundays, May 19 & July 7 at 12:05 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided. The first one is for teacher training and the second is for shepherd training. All VBS children will be invited to sing in worship on July 21. VBS Registration forms are available in the vestibule, on the table outside the church office, and the 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. Pastor Dave and Lydia will try to incorporate your requests over the course of the year as the songs fit worship themes.

Family Camp, a new camp at **NaCoMe** 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.

Church Directories are here! Each family may pick up one copy at the table outside the church office after 8:30 worship or in the fellowship hall during 2nd Sunday Lunch.

The Pentecost Offering will be received in worship on May 19. As we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of Christ's Church, it is appropriate that we celebrate the future of our church --the children, youth, and youth adults of the church. One way we can do that is through our support of this offering. FPC will keep 40% of the offering for local programs that benefit children at risk. The remaining 60% goes to General Assembly ministries to benefit youth and young adult programs and children at risk.

Macedonia Presbyterian Church invites our church to their Homecoming festivities on Sunday, June 2. Worship is at 10:00 am and a covered dish lunch is at 11:30 am. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please RSVP to Kathy Fox at 503-3045 or Laura Palmer at 645-4260.

The FPC Memorial Garden is now available for the interment of ash remains for any member of FPC and with session approval, for members of their immediate family.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS		
CLASS OF 2013	CLASS OF 2014	CLASS OF 2015
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		

MARCH 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT	
Income For March	\$52,572.21
Expenses For March	<u>\$48,968.23</u>
Net Operating Total For March	\$3,603.98
Year To Date Income	\$134,486.10
Year To Date Expenses	<u>\$135,429.04</u>
Year-To-Date Operating Total	-\$942.94



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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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