

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*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.*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Be Thou With Me"
J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING
The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to the stories of God,
passed down by faithful people from age to age.
Listen to the Son of God,
teaching us how to live, love, and serve.

Listen to the voice of God,
proclaiming that our broken world is "beloved."
Listen and worship, People of God,
for God is here among us!
Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live in the light
of your good news:
when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear
instead of love, and routine instead of revelation.
Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life, and
move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (p. 443)

ANTHEM "Prayer of St. Francis"
George Mabry

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 5:1-20 (p. 982)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Faithful Prayer"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #793 "O Christ, the Healer"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Psalm 37"

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #465 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Toccata on "Lauda Amina"

WORSHIP NOTES

Matt Nikiel is today's liturgist.

Rick Prall is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Matt McNeill, Accompanist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

**** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the
church office.**

Note on Psalm 37: This is an acrostic poem. Each
successive pair of new lines begins with the next letter in the
Hebrew alphabet. The poem was constructed this way so that
children (and adults!) could easily memorize it. It is another
wisdom psalm. The Psalmist intends to teach us something
important about life here, about the way of the righteous and
the way of the wicked. First, the poet-teacher acknowledges
the way things are (or seem to be) in our world now, how the
righteous sometimes suffer and the wicked sometimes
prosper for a while. Second, in the face of this earthly,
temporary reality, the poet redirects our eyes toward a
different, more permanent reality, one described by faith: the

person who waits patiently and humbly for the Lord to act--waiting through suffering--will be rewarded with peace (complete *shalom*, wholeness). The Lord will establish and uphold those who trust in him, never abandoning the righteous in the time of trial, ultimately saving and delivering them to their true, eternal home. The bottom line? Learn patience. Learn daily to take refuge in God.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 24

9:00am **Adult, Children & Youth S.S.**

9:00-9:15am **Children's Music**

4:00pm **Youth Groups** (see announcement)

Monday, February 25

12:30pm **PW Luncheon**

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** at Guadalajara

Tuesday, February 26

4:30pm **Empty Bowls** (see announcement)

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, February 27

10:00am **Bible Study**

5:00pm **Room In The Inn**

6:00pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Youth @CFA**

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, February 28

8:30am **Yoga**

Noon **Staff Meeting**

FPC Social Media Links:
Instagram: fpccclarksvilletn
Facebook: @FPCClarksville
Twitter: clarksvillefpc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO PURCHASE EMPTY BOWLS TICKETS!

First Presbyterian Church will again host a dinner location for Empty Bowls on Tuesday Feb. 26 from 4:30-7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 and available in the church office, from Kris Foust or you can purchase through Eventbrite.com (specify our church location). Presbyterian Women are involved with the Empty Bowls project! We are asking women to bring homemade cookies/bars, two to a bag, to church Sunday, February 24 or Monday, February 25.

SHOWERS OF LOVE FPC opens our doors to share our facilities so that people who are homeless can have a warm shower in a safe place. You are welcome to come at **2pm**, lower level of the **AOC/gym** to fellowship with some wonderful folks! Contact Ann Waddle (waddleiread@gmail.com) for more info!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, March 9, Insight Counseling Centers is having a pancake breakfast to benefit the Pastoral Counseling Center. Breakfast will be served **7-11am** at the Fellowship Hall of **Grace Lutheran Church, 2041 Madison St., Clarksville.** The cost is \$5 per ticket for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee! Tickets are available through David Goder.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT Ladies, it is time to mark your calendars for this year's retreat! Our retreat is **Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17.** We will be studying a Lenten curriculum this year, Adam Hamilton's Final Words From the Cross. Rhonda Banasiak and Karen Goggin will be leading us in this program, and Laura Black will be back for fun and games! The cost will run about \$103 for the full weekend in a regular room (not including food). If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Banasiak at (931) 980-8184. The sign-up sheet is outside the church office on the table.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 3, Showers of Love (see announcement)

March 6, Ash Wednesday

March 9, Pancake Breakfast (see announcement)

March 10, Second Sunday Lunch

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15, Women's Retreat (see announcement)

March 25-29, Spring Break!

April 2, Men's Quarterly Breakfast

April 14, Palm Sunday

April 21, Easter

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES for today at 4pm. Senior High will have a devotion and play card games. Middle School will have a devotion and go eat at a fast food restaurant (please bring \$\$).