



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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus
Helmut Walcha

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we seek you, and our souls thirst for you.
Our flesh faints for the Lord, as in a dry and weary land.
O God, your steadfast love is better than life itself!
**Let us bless the Lord as long as we live,
lift up our hands and call on God's name.**
Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #629 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We try to draw boundaries around your forgiveness,
for we cannot imagine the endlessness of your grace.
We try to make a rule book of your holy stories,**

**for we cannot grasp the depth of your living word.
We try to make a worldly hero of our holy savior,
for we cannot understand the majesty of your gift.
Forgive us, Holy One,
and gather us more closely into the realm of your
transforming 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 Isaiah 55:1-9 (p.598)

ANTHEM "Thy Perfect Love"
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:1-9 (p. 848)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Darkness to Light"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness "

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967 (9.31)*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as
God's reconciling community. This community, the
church universal, is entrusted with God's message of
reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the**

**enmities which separate people from God and from each
other. Christ has called the church to this mission and
given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains
continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful
obedience to his call.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Showers of Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Come, Sweet Death"
J.S. Bach

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #819 "Be Still, My Soul"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Tocatta in e minor"
Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP NOTES

Kris Foust is today's liturgist.
Eric Salyer 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 63: Never forget in the days of darkness what you have learned in the days of light. When you are in the desert, physically and spiritually in "a dry and weary land where there is no water" (v. 1), it is vital to remember God's faithfulness in days past. When you are unable to gather (physically) with God's people to worship, it is more necessary than ever to remember when you were once able to "behold God's power and glory." (v. 2) We are prone to spiritual amnesia during times of trial; we forget in a moment how faithful God has been to us for years, even decades. The

rhythm of evening prayer (recalling the events of the day in preparation for the night) and morning prayer (meditation on God as a means of facing the demands of the day) reinforce our memory of God's care; these prayers are, as Martin Luther said, "a means of keeping the devil's monstrosities at bay." These times of prayer are like cold, refreshing water, rejuvenating the thirsty soul. The Psalmist here reminds us to call out to God even "through the watches of the night," assured that the same God who responded in the daytime will hear us in our times of darkness.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 24

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

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

Monday, March 25 Spring Break!

12:30pm **PW Luncheon**

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** at Don Pablos on Riverside

Tuesday, March 26

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, March 27

10:00am **Bible Study**

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

6:00pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Youth @CFA**

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, March 28

8:30am **Yoga**

Noon **Staff Meeting**

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

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Beginning of Spring Break, no youth group meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION for FPC Learning

Center which serves Homeschool students K-12 in a small group instructional setting. To register call the Learning Center Office at 931-648-2665.

LOAVES AND FISHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Please join us for tea and biscuits, hats and pearls at the Ladies Tea Party **Saturday, March 30 at 2pm** at F&M Bank's Franklin Room. Cost is \$50.00, checks are payable to L&F Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 3241, Clarksville 37043. For more information, contact malinda@loavesfishescampaign.org or call 931-648-9529.

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to our quarterly breakfast to participate in conversations about life and faith! We will meet on **Tuesday, April 2 at 8:00 am at the Shoney's** on the corner of Kraft Street and 2nd Street. A brief devotional follows the meal.

FIRST SUNDAY SHOWERS OF LOVE FPC opens its 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 Margaret Adams at 980-1646 for more info!

GATEWAY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA presents America's Haydn Festival. The Gateway Chamber Orchestra String Quartet will be performing in our sanctuary **Thursday, April 4 at 7:30pm**. Tickets are \$21 and must be purchased in advance on line at www.gatewaychamberorchestra.com. Student and military discounts are available at the point of purchase.

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 30, Room in the Inn

April 2, Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

April 4, Gateway Chamber Orchestra (see announcement)

April 7, Showers of Love (see announcement)

April 14, Palm Sunday

April 19, Good Friday No School

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt

April 21, Easter

April 25, New Members/Visitor Dinner

April 26, Men's Work Trip

May 5, Youth Sunday

May 11, Youth Day Hike

May 12, Mother's Day

May 19, Townhall

May 22, Last Day of School

May 23-25, High School Graduations

May 27, Memorial Day Office Closed