

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



Palm/Passion Sunday *April 14, 2019* **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Prelude to the Te Deum"
Marc Antoine Charpentier

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus approaches Jerusalem, riding humbly on a donkey.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

The people come out to greet him, laying their garments on the road.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

If the people fail to praise him, the very stones will cry out.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Later, Christ sits at table with his disciples,
preparing the kingdom of God to be fulfilled.

Christ prays that our faith might not fail,
that the kingdom of God may be fulfilled.

Christ prays that his burden might be lifted,
but the kingdom of God must be fulfilled.

Christ submits himself to the cross.

Praise God! The kingdom of God is fulfilled!

Let us worship God together!

*HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. The lips that sing "Hosanna!" are the same that shout "Crucify!" The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Look upon us with mercy--our lives are in your hands. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Luke 19:28-40 (p. 854)

ANTHEM "Blessed is He"
Tom Fettke
Adult & Children's Choirs

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:32-49 (p. 859)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "My Final Breath"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967 (9.09)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is called the ransom of a slave, payment of a debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of any human ability to express or any theory to comprehend in the depths of God's love for human kind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work and love for us in Jesus Christ.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Introducing Ebralie Mwizerwa

WELCOME Learning Center & Preschool Families and Staff

BLESSINGS AND FAREWELL Gene and Laura Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Arr. Gilbert Martin
Adult Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #218 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Maggie Glenn is today's liturgist.

Leong Lee 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 31: The resonance of this psalm with Jesus' prayer from the cross in the book of Luke is strong. Here we find the last spoken words of Jesus: "Into your hands I commit my spirit." (v. 5; Luke 23:46) Whether understood as prophecy, or prayer, or a model for life and worship, the psalm points the way to Christ's death and resurrection, the victory over that ancient foe. The theme is God's sure and steadfast providential care--even in the midst of danger and suffering. "You are my God!" is the affirmation that shapes the life and prayer of the believer. I am not my own; I am bought with a price. In life and in death, I belong to God. God has not forgotten me. Though there are times when I lose hope and fail to trust completely, God's care is always steady and unchanging. Christ suffered and was delivered. In Christ we too receive eternal life and our sure deliverance. All other hope is vain.

MEET & GREET IN THE CHAPEL Join us for fellowship, coffee & treats in the Chapel every Sunday immediately following worship. Say hello, meet someone new, grab a quick bite & leave through the chapel doors out onto Main street. This is a great opportunity to touch base with each other & meet new members & visitors.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be taken Easter Sunday, April 21. Please see insert.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 14 Second Sunday Lunch

9:00am **Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School Classes**

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

4-6:00pm **Youth Group Meetings** at AOC (see announcement)

Monday, April 15

Noon **Madison Street Methodist Church**, 319 Madison St.

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** at Don Pablo's on Riverside

Tuesday, April 16

Noon **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**, 716 Franklin St

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, April 17

10:00am **Bible Study**

Noon **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**, 716 Franklin St

6:00pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Youth at CFA** on Madison

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, April 18

8:30am **Yoga**

Noon **Trinity Episcopal Church**, 317 Franklin St.

Friday, April 19 GOOD FRIDAY

Noon **First Presbyterian Church**

Saturday, April 20

3:00pm **Easter Egg Hunt** (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Attention all ladies! Please join us at **6:00pm** on the evening of **Monday, April 22** for the final PW event of the school year! Sign-ups are in the bulletin (tear-off), on the PW bulletin board or through the church office. Please choose one and only one time. Thank you.

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES The church will purchase Memorial lilies for the Easter Service. Names of those in memory of (or in honor of) along with donors will be listed in the bulletin, **April 21**. All you do is donate to the FPC Memorial Garden Fund and let the church office know your loved one's name. The deadline to have names listed in the bulletin is 1:00pm **Friday, April 12**.

MISSION COMMITTEE invites you to meet **Ebralie Mwizerwa** at Second Sunday Lunch.

EASTER EGG HUNT The Annual Easter Egg hunt will be **Saturday April 20, 3:00 to 4:00pm**, at Jane & Steve Wallace's home, **145 E. Glenwood!** Parents are asked to bring cookies and/or juice to share with everyone.

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 will attend **PW Dinner** I need child care

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

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 21, Easter

April 22, PW Dinner

April 23, New Members/Visitor Dinner
Election Day No School

April 26, Men's Work Trip

May 5, Youth Sunday
Showers of Love

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

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