

# 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*

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*March 8, 2020*

*GATHERING AROUND THE WORD*

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift our eyes to the hills—from where does our help come?  
**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
The Lord is our keeper; God protects us, heart and soul.  
**Whether coming or going, we are safe in God's keeping.**  
Our journeys have brought us here to lift our voices in praise.  
**We will worship our Creator all the days of our lives.**  
Let us worship the Lord together!

\*HYMN # 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sending God, you speak to souls both calm and chaotic and  
summon us to follow.

**But your call threatens to uproot our lives, so we disregard  
your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places.**

Guiding Spirit, your wind whips through communities both  
settled and stirring and urges us toward new expressions of faith.

**But your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore  
your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors.**

Saving Christ, you enter into hearts both trusting and skeptical and  
plant within us the seed of faith.

**Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as  
disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit's sustaining waters so  
that we might respond to your call with faith and  
faithfulness.**

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 Matthew 6:5-15 (p. 787)

ANTHEM "Prayer of Being"  
by Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*\* Children PreK-Elementary leave for Children's Worship

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5  
(p. 962)

Holy Wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Thy Kingdom"

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Shorter Catechism (Q.101-103)*

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

**A. In the first petition, which is, "Hallowed be thy name,"  
we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify  
him in all that whereby he maketh himself known, and  
that he would dispose all things to his own glory.**

Q. 102. What do we pray for in the second petition?

**A. In the second petition, which is, "Thy kingdom come,"  
we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, and that  
the Kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and  
others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the  
Kingdom of glory may be hastened.**

Q. 103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

**A. In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done in  
earth, as it is in heaven," we pray that God, by his grace,  
would make us able and willing to know, obey, and  
submit to his will in all things, as the angels  
do in heaven.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Service Committee Recognition

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN# 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Jennie McNeil** is today's Liturgist.

**Eric Salyer** is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

**Ethan McCrary** is today's IT Web Specialist.

**Beth Glover** is Interim Director of Music

**Dylan May** is Interim Accompanist

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

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

**SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH** Join us **Today** following  
worship as we celebrate our Service Committee! This  
outreach has served our community for almost 50 years! The  
committee and some special members will be recognized  
during worship, and we will continue the celebration during  
our lunch.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, March 8

9:00am Adult, Youth & Children SS Classes

10am Worship

11am Second Sunday Lunch

Youth are returning from NaCoMe today!

### Monday, March 9

7:30am Weekly Prayer Service

5:00pm Theology on Tap/Don Pablo's

### Tuesday, March 10

12:30pm Martha Circle

2pm Congregational Care

5pm Yoga

6pm Historical Preservation Meeting

7pm Night Circle

### Wednesday, March 11

10am Bible Study with Pastor

10:30am PLAN Legal Clinic

5pm Family Dinner & Activity Night

6pm Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs at CFA on Madison

7pm Adult Choir

### Thursday, March 12

8:30am Yoga

9:30am Pickleball

12pm Staff Meeting

### Friday, March 13 - 15

9am FPC Women's Retreat @ NaCoMe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING** with Pastor Greg **March 9 @ 7:30am** in the Sanctuary. This prayer service is open to anyone. Join us for a special time of prayer as we enter the season of Lent.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT, March 11 @ 5pm.** Join us for dinner and then stay for a class in **Hot Topics in Nutrition** conducted by **Sacha Stauffer, Nutritionist.** **Pastor Greg** will continue his advanced Bible Study Class. There will be fun activities for the children as well!

**PW LUNCHEON, March 30 @ 12:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our Spring Luncheon. There are three ways to sign up: the bulletin (tear-off), on the PW bulletin board or through the church office. **Please choose one and only one time!** Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK MIDDAY SERVICES** Downtown churches will offer a noontime service and light meal each work day during Holy Week 2020.

**Mon., April 6** Trinity Episcopal Church 317 Franklin St.

**Tues., April 7** First Baptist Church 435 Madison St.

**Wed., April 8** The Downtown Commons Park

**Thurs., April 9** Christ the Healer Church 1295 Paradise Hill

**Good Friday, April 10** First Presbyterian Church

**Easter Sunday, April 12 @ 6am** Sunrise Service at

Downtown Commons Park

**MEN'S WORK TRIP, Friday April 17-19.** Our Annual Men's Work Retreat will be for an entire weekend! We will ride the bus down to NaCoMe on Friday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday. This trip is open to all men ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up – father/son combos are encouraged! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Cost is \$55. The deadline to register is **Sunday, April 5.** For more information, please call Mark Banasiak at 931-980-8185.

**STORIES NEEDED!** The History Committee is putting together a booklet of memories from members & friends of the church. We are looking for stories of the special times you have had in the church and would like to publish these as a pre-bicentennial celebration of our congregation. They are due by **May 1.** Please submit stories to [rhb2227@hotmail.com](mailto:rhb2227@hotmail.com).

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** Join us every third Sunday of each month! We meet after the service, in the chapel and head out together to a nearby restaurant! Childcare is provided in our Nursery.

**LEARNING CENTER PRE-REGISTRATION** FPC Learning Center has started Pre-registration for K-12. Apply now to have your spot for the Fall. If you are looking for small groups with an individualized approach, call 931-648-(BOOK)2665 for more information. Spaces are limited.

## MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s)  1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitor(s)  Visitor(s)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I will attend **PW Dinner**  I need childcare

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about Children/Youth Programs. Please list name(s) & age(s) of children.

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**March 15** Young Adult 'Gathering' Brunch

**March 18** Room in the Inn

**March 25** PLAN Legal Clinic

**March 29** Jonathan Rudy, Organist/Music @ Grace

**March 30** PW Luncheon

**April 2** Gateway Chamber Orchestra

**April 5** Discover FPC/Orientation and Q&A (**see below**)

**April 5** Missions Committee Meet

**April 5** Showers of Love

**April 5-11** Holy Week (**see announcement**)

**April 12** Easter/Sunrise Service @ **6am**

**April 17** Men's Work Retreat (**see announcement**)

**DISCOVER FPC/ORIENTATION AND Q&A.** Held quarterly on the first Sunday of the month (January, April, July, October), **9-9:45am in the Chapel;** come & explore life at FPC and the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This orientation session is a prerequisite for membership at FPC, but all are welcome to attend for conversation & fellowship with new-comers, whether or not they are presently considering membership. You need only attend one time and if you decide to join the church, we will encourage you to choose a Sunday on which to be welcomed by the congregation during worship.