

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 of Lent
March 15, 2020
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are thirsty—

here is living water.

Come, you who are weary—

here is the fount of eternal life.

Let us drink from the well of grace.

Let us worship the Lord!

Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 664

“Morning Has Broken”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger, and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is—the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

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

“Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee”

by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Music by E. Thiman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 30:1-14 (p. 534)

Holy Wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Daily Bread”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Shorter Catechism (Q.104)

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, “Give us this day our daily bread,” we pray that, of God's free gift, we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, remember us when we come into your kingdom.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For your church around the world, we ask new life.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church, we ask grace and wisdom.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, we ask inspired discipleship.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Christians in every land, we ask new unity in your name.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths, we ask your divine blessing.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For those who cannot believe, we ask your faithful love.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For governors and rulers of every land, we ask your guidance.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For people who suffer and sorrow, we ask your healing peace.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

[Prayers offered in silence.]

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.

In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.

We bless you for this oil pressed from the fruits of the earth, given to us as a sign of healing and forgiveness, and of the fullness of life you give.

By your Spirit, come upon all who receive this ministry of compassion, that they may know your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

[Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil]

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings, to scatter all enemies that assault us.

As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more,

help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN# 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Sam Mills 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.

MEET & GREET IN THE CHAPEL. Join us for a special time of fellowship in the Chapel right after worship. Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to touch base with each other and meet new members & visitors.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 15

9:00am **Adult, Youth & Children SS Classes**

10am **Worship**

11am **Meet & Greet in the Chapel**

11:15am **Young Adult "Gathering" Brunch**

4pm **Youth Group Meeting**

Monday, March 16

7:30am **Weekly Prayer Service in the Sanctuary**

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

Tuesday, March 17 - HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

5pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, March 18

10am **Bible Study with Pastor**

4pm **Room in the Inn**

5pm **Family Dinner & Activity Night**

6pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Senior Highs at CFA on Madison**

7pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, March 19

8:30am **Yoga**

9:30am **Pickleball**

12pm **Staff Meeting**

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING Join us **TODAY** for lunch! We meet after the service, in the chapel and head out together to a nearby restaurant! Childcare is provided in our Nursery.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING with Pastor Greg **March 18 @ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT, March 18 @ 5pm. Join us for dinner and then stay for a class in **Spring Cleaning Your Stuff** conducted by **Stephanie Belanger, Professional Organizer.** **Pastor Greg** will continue his advanced Bible Study Class. There will be fun activities for the children as well!

TRUMPET RECITAL, March 28 @ 6:30pm. The congregation is invited to attend Mr. Andrew Scroggs Master Trumpet Recital here in our Sanctuary. Mr. Scroggs will be accompanied by Ms. Jan Corrothers. The concert is free of charge. Please bring a friend.

PW LUNCHEON, March 30 @ 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our Spring Luncheon. We will be collecting travel size hygiene items for those in need. If you can't come to the luncheon you can still donate through the church office. There are three ways to sign up for the luncheon: 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 QUARTERLY BREAKFAST, April 7 @ 8am at Shoney's on Riverside drive. Join Us!

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 12.** 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 3.**

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 6th 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.

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

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I will attend **PW Lunch** 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: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 25 PLAN Legal Clinic

March 28 Trumpet Recital (see announcement)

March 29 Jonathan Rudy, Organist/Music @ Grace

March 30 PW Luncheon (see announcement)

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 7 Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

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.