

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord Christ, open our eyes
to see clearly the light of the world.
Holy Spirit, illumine our minds
to perceive God's glory shining among us.
Almighty God, prepare our hearts
to see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.
Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonder-working God, forgive us when preconceived notions cloud our vision and blind us to your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers, in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled. But you make yourself known in unexpected

ways: in shepherd boys lifted to the throne and outcasts returned to community; in death-haunted valleys transformed by your presence, and ordinary pools made extraordinary by your grace, through water and mud, and a table prepared with sacrificial love. We long for a salve that relieves our stubborn focus on inconsequential questions, and for water that heals our blindness to revelations of your love. Open our eyes, illumine our minds, and prepare our hearts, to receive your amazing grace.

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 "God Be Merciful"
by Joseph M. Hopkins

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I John 2:1-6 (p. 989)

Holy Wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God

SERMON "Debts and Debtors"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Catechism (Q.105)

The Shorter

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?
A. **In the fifth petition, which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are then rather encouraged to ask because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN# 215 "What Wondrous Love is This"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Sarah Hedstrom 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.**



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Thank you for joining us online today for worship. **We are canceling all church events until after March 31st.** Please check your e-mail often as announcements regarding upcoming events and schedules will be announced through e-mail.

FPC Social Media Links:

Instagram: [fpcclarksvilletn](#)

Facebook: [@FPCClarksville](#)

Twitter: [clarksvillefpc](#)

Website: [www.fpcclarksville.org](#)

Feel free to e-mail prayer requests, questions or concerns to the church at fpcclarksville@gmail.com. The church's e-mail and voicemail will be monitored, so please stay in touch with any needs you may have at this time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

65th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, April 11 from 3-4:30pm at **Jane & Steve Wallace's** home. Their address is: **145 E. Glenwood**. Cookies and drinks will be provided by FPC Young Adults. **Don't Forget Your Easter Basket!!**

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 2 Gateway Chamber Orchestra, 6pm in Sanctuary

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 11 Easter Egg Hunt (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.

