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

Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday April 12, 2020 GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, why are you weeping? The tomb is empty; the grave clothes are cast aside.

Now is the time for tambourines and dancing, for victory songs and shouts of joy!

See and believe: Our redeemer lives!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #245

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like the women who came to your tomb as the first day of the week was dawning and found the tomb empty, we have such good news to tell. For you, Lord, have cast off your grave clothes and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we have heard this news before. How often have we let our "alleluias" fall silent as we passed through the church doors? How often have we returned to daily routines as if Easter changes nothing? How often have our actions belied the power of resurrection to transform our world? Risen Lord, forgive us for our half-hearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference, disappointment or disenchantment. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen the 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 Jeremiah 31:1-6 (p. 641)

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 811)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Shake Your Tamborines!"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #238

"Thine is the Glory"

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed p. 35

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #246

"Christ is Alive!"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Greg Glover is today's liturgist.

Eric Salyer is today's audio-visual specialist.

Beth Glover is Interim Director of Music

Dylan May is Interim Accompanist

*Please stand if you are able.

Thank you for joining us online today for worship. We are canceling all in person church events until further notice. 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.

If anyone needs help with errands during this time, there are volunteers waiting to help. Please contact the church office @ (931) 645-6551 or email us at the above email address. These are monitored and checked daily.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

65th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT/CANCELLED!

The traditional Easter egg hunt at the Wallace home will be postponed until next year because of concerns for health during the COVID-19 pandemic and in conformity with city and county prohibitions of public gatherings. Instead join the churches of the PC(USA) in taking a picture of an Easter Egg and posting in online with the hashtag #onebasket2020. Be sure to tag the church (@fpcclarksville.org) and NaCoMe (@campnacome) in your post and say something about what Easter means to you.

FLOWER CROSS. We will be placing the flower cross in its usual place on the steps of the church on Easter Sunday. Though the church building is closed, the church steps are accessible for family Easter photos in front of the cross. **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE** in groups other than those in your immediate household and practice safe social distancing by waiting your turn in your car if others are on the sidewalk or on the stairs. If this portrait is part of your family tradition, let us know by posting your photo on our Facebook page with the hashtag #Easter2020.

EASTER LILIES

<u>Lilies in the sanctuary given in honor of:</u>

Mrs. Rudy Jean McLeod by Roger & Elynor Busler

Lilies in the sanctuary given in memory of:

Dr. George & Margaret Ackley, Guy & Katherine Watson,

Howard & Irene Hiett by Larry & Charene Watson

Ann Arnold by Scott & Julie Giles

William Baynas by Pixie McCord Mills

Joel Thomas, Wilbur Brown, Ni Thomas by Liz Thomas

Buddy & Shiela Foust, Scott Hedstrom, Heidi Hedstrom &

Mitcheal Ostlund, by the Foust, Hedstrom & Neuman Families

Tom & Sarah Goder by David, Lesa, Matthew & Megan Goder

Aubrey and Cindy C. Harvey by the Harvey family

Becky Keene by Charles Keene

Angela Grant Mancuso by Candy Schryver

Loretta Mattade by Pixie McCord Mills, Lori Jordan & Ryan McCord

Harry and Bill McLeod by Ruby Jean McLeod & family Edgar & Sara Frances Mills by Sam Mills & Martha M. Richardson

Billy Smith by Elaine Smith, Lesa & David Goder, Wendy & Joe Weis, Matthew Goder and Megan Goder

Richard Tibbetts by Karen Goggin

Hart Thomas Vaughn by the Vaughn family

Jane Sikes by Kip Sikes-Lindsay and family

Cecil Morgan Sr., Martha Morgan, Mary Morgan, Hart Vaughn, Charles & Marie Currie by Cecil Morgan, Jr. and family.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Please continue to check your email, bulletin, and Forget Me Nots/Weekly News each week for information as the calendar for April evolves. There are plans for special Easter events combining both old and some new traditions this year due to the need to restrict gatherings. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this time.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a senior graduation reception for **Evan Duncan, Caroline Giles, Christina Glover, and Talley Posey** on **Thursday, May 7** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited! We will notify you if plans change due to COVID-19.