

Baptism

Victoria Hodgins
Annabelle Smith
Griffin Smith

Confirmation

Annabelle Smith	Victoria Hodgins
Josie Mondello-Garrett	Callie Fogle
Noah Hurd	Anthony Fomin
Griffin Smith	Ben Cooper
Dillon Graves	

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Music

***The Doxology # 606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Melick

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn #232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Melick

***Congregational Response** Threefold Amen Hymn #601

***Postlude**

This Week at FPC

March 31 – Reception for our Confirmands following service

April 1 – 1-4:30pm, Gathering Place Reserved

April 4 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

April 7 – 10:30am, Brunch Church

April 7 – Mission trip Parent meeting after Brunch Church, \$150 deposit is due.

April 8 – Office Closed

April 9 – 9:00am, Mom's Group

April 11 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

April 12-14 – Kirkmont Women's Retreat

Brunch Church will be Sunday, April 7th. This one is a little different. The youth will be preparing a Pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for their mission trip. Here are the details:

Mission Pancake Fundraiser at Brunch Church - support our 2024 FPC Youth by enjoying some pancakes, fruit & sausage made and served by mission youth during Brunch Church. Suggested donation \$5. Mission youth please come to church by 9 to make pancakes.

Mission Projects for Brunch Church work at the community garden at 911 W. Main St. Bring gloves, shovels and be ready to move dirt.

Homeless Shelter hygiene bags – we are in need of travel size items to put in the bags. We have plenty of toothbrushes and paste but all other items are still needed. Thank you!

Domestic Violence Shelter They are asking for donations of Plus Size Clothing, Hair care products (blow dryers, straighteners, etc.), personal care supplies, phone chargers, laundry soap, and cleaning supplies.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"
~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy Acheson – prayers for the family with the passing of Flossie

Logan Eifort – tumor is shrinking, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Remember and Uphold:

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

Our at Home Shut-ins

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

Elaine Hawley

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Brett Barnes / Navy

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Richard (Ale)x Trogdon/ Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Drew Roach / Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Choir Anthem Christ The Seal of Death Has Broken

Children's Message Easter Rev. Melick

Receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Prayer for Illumination Kathy McCreary

Gospel Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 PB 930 LP 85

Response

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon *And I Hope...* Rev. Melick

***Reflection Song #233** *The Day of Resurrection*

Affirmation of Faith

We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope. We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope.

First Presbyterian Church
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Introit

Because You Live, O Christ

Choir

Call to Worship

Kathy McCreary

Liturgist: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone. But not today.

All: Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

Liturgist: We have a reason to hope.

All: We have a reason to sing!

Liturgist: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

Liturgist: Christ is risen today.

***Opening Hymn #245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Prayer of Confession & Passing of the Peace Kathy McCreary

Prayer of Confession

The stone is rolled away! We assume it is a mistake. The angels say, "He is not here!" We assume their news is fake. The women tell the story, but we do not want to hear it. Peter runs to the tomb, but we do not understand. Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank. Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death. Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Easter Sunday
Wandering Heart: "And I hope"

Easter Morning

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning.

Like Peter,

I would run if I could.

Stop the car,

pump my arms,

take the church steps two at a time,

all to know—

Did it happen?

Did it really happen?

Is evil no match for love?

I'd slide down the center aisle.

I'd grab the mic to ask

the angels,

the heavens,

the children,

Were the stories true?

And in response, the choir would sing, "Alleluia."

The children would flower the cross.

The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled away.

The people would pass the peace,

and welcome strangers,

and make room in the pews.

And with faith over doubt,

I would hope.

For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness

would be enough for Peter,

and it would be enough for me.

Church Contact Information

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First Presbyterian Church



March 31, 2024

*Our Mission:
Listening to Gods call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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