

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

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

***Postlude**

This Week at FPC

April 27 – 9:00am, Men's breakfast

Mark Your Calendars

April 28 – 9:30am, Coffee Discussion Group

April 28 – 12:00pm, Almost Mission May 5K

May 1 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

May 8 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle

May 12 – No Session Meeting

May 14 – 9:00am, Moms Group

May 18 – 12:00pm, Ladies Tea

Common Good Food Bank They are in need of the following Peanut Butter, Noodles (i.e. egg noodles, elbow, bowtie etc.), Baked Beans or Pork & Beans

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.

Ladies Tea – the upcoming tea will be held May, 18th at Noon. Cost is \$10.00 to be paid with reservation. Reservation papers are on the Information Tables.

2024 Mission Almost May 5K on April 28, 12:00. Walk and Run in nature enjoying God's world while supporting our Youth Mission Team. This year our team will be building ramps and fences for families in need in Altoona, Pa. Register to walk or run for a fee of \$15.

Senior Sunday – May 26 – Please plan to join in a brunch following church for all to congratulate our Seniors.

2024 Mission-Team Effort – Altoona, PA June 30-July 6 more information will be forthcoming as the kids plan fundraisers for their mission trip.

Compassion Camp – This will be held July 14-16. Watch for more information soon.

Elizabeth Circle – will resume on June 6th at 6:30pm. They will be studying What My Grandmothers Taught Me.

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 – pray for strength and healing

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 (Alex) 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.

Liturgist: Jesus breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

All: *The gift of Holy Spirit power is always with us and within us to lead and guide and sometimes cajole and awaken us to all the possibilities for renewed life.*

Liturgist: Jesus assured them: Forgive the sins of anyone, and they are forgiven, retain the sins of any and they are retained.

All: *We see in the example of Christ how to forgive others and how to release our own woundedness. We open ourselves to the freedom, release, and peace that comes through forgiveness. We forgive ourselves and we forgive others.*

Liturgist: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: *Thanks be to the Living Word.*

*Opening Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible*

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

*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 *Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven* Choir

Children’s Message *Jesus Appears to Thomas* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Susan Schaurer

Old Testament Scripture Readings

Psalm 121 PB 552 LP 547

Nehemiah 9:9-15 PB 433 LP 428

Gospel Scripture Reading

John 20:19-23 PB 954 LP 110

Response

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon *Resurrection Story: Released* Rev. Melick

*Reflection Time Hymn #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

First Presbyterian Church
April 21, 2024
Resurrection Stories: Unlock Yours

WORSHIP AT HOME

Week Three: Released

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Introit *This Is the Day*

Choir

Call to Worship

Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: They trembled in fear behind locked doors as the sun set on that first Easter...

All: We often do not perceive the most transformative possibilities of our lives because we are afraid — of change, of loss, afraid even of healing.

Liturgist: Jesus broke through the barrier of their hiding place and stood among them...

All: Even when we long for our burdens to be lifted, we become so accustomed to carrying them we cannot imagine being released from them.

Liturgist: Jesus greeted them with the words: "Peace be with you."

All: We sometimes find it difficult to embrace peace when our lives are in upheaval, when our hearts grieve, when our world aches.

Liturgist: Knowing what they needed, Jesus extended his pierced palms and his stabbed side...

All: What evidence do we require to believe our lives can experience resurrection from a power higher than our own? What helps us trust and believe?

Liturgist: They rejoiced as they recognized their friend, their Leader, their Solace and Redeemer...

All: When we search for help and hope, do we rejoice when we see the first possibility of transformation? Do we rejoice along the way to healing?

Liturgist: Again, Jesus offered his peace and said, as he was sent by God, he now sends them...

All: Even in the midst of our own turmoil, can we find the courage to go where we are sent for healing for ourselves and to go where others are in need of our witness?

In 12-step programs, the first step is admitting powerlessness over anything that threatens to destroy our connection to our Higher Power, to ourselves, and to others. This week, we consider the variety of ways addiction occurs in our lives. We will celebrate the Good News that we can refocus our lives onto things that lead us to life and connection to the Holy.

... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As [Abba God] has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." — from John 20: 19-23
After overcoming addiction, Ron Williams became a chaplain to guide others on road to sobriety.

Ron quotes this scripture verse towards the end of the video: *This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I'm the biggest sinner of all. But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I'm an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life.— 1 Timothy 1: 15-16*

Journaling Prompt

After graduating from the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge program (his ninth attempt at rehabilitation treatment), Ron Williams turned right around and stayed on with the center as a mentor for teens. Who are the mentors in your life who have encouraged you to find hope and new life after devastating changes, or have helped you find the courage to prevail against hardships?

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April 21, 2024

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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