



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 22, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)

ORGAN PRELUDE *(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Robert Keyes

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: O sing to the Lord a new song

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name.

All: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 401**

Here In This Place

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our

shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

****KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

****TIME FOR SILENCE** *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

****THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

****GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
 stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
 For he did not despise or abhor
 the affliction of the afflicted;
 he did not hide his face from me,
 but heard when I cried to him.
 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
 May your hearts live for ever!
 All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the Lord;
 and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before him.
 For dominion belongs to the Lord,
 and he rules over the nations.
 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.
 Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord,
 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done it.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Birds
 Abby Mederos

Benjamin Britten

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

Mary Braswell Kiger

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
 Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my supplications!
 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
 But there is forgiveness with you,
 so that you may be revered.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 686

God of Our Life

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 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

Cameron Pate

One: O God, you are forgiving and merciful. You know our thought and every move even before we make them. You will be with us throughout all our days. We

bring our many needs and concerns for others to God. We pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: O great redeemer, we pray for the church. . . seek us out and guide us through the darkness so that we may find your eternal light. Help us to come together, worshipping your holy name. We pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: O great redeemer, we pray for the world. . . bring all nations together in peace. Allow them to follow in your ways of righteousness, love, and forgiveness. We pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: O great redeemer, we pray for this community. . . bring peace when there is violence in our streets. Provide for those who are hungry, sick, and in need. We pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: O great redeemer, we pray for loved ones. . . comfort those who are suffering. Remind them that you are always there with them in times of darkness. We pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Gracious God, encourage us to follow your path, lifting our hearts in times of sorrow. Comfort us, and continue to work through us so that we may live according to your will; as Jesus Christ, our living God, taught us.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Albert Hay Malotte

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

**THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

**CHARGE

Mary Braswell Kiger

**BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

WELCOME !

If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.

If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.

If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: www.fpc-rr.org.

If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.

In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is YOUTH SUNDAY! Thanks to all of the youth for participating in the leading of our worship service this morning.

All women are invited to the Bridal Luncheon honoring Katherine Keyes today in the Loy Building following the worship service.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE on Sunday, April 29th, at 11:00 am in the Loy Building followed by a COVERED DISH LUNCH and fellowship! Please bring a covered dish(es) to share.

The May Newsletter is available today! If you receive a hard copy please pick it up this morning. Electronic copies of the newsletters have already been emailed. If you didn't receive one please let Tammy know.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK & MORE

SUNDAY

BRIDAL LUNCHEON, 12:00 NOON, LOY BUILDING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

CHOIR, 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 AM, LOY BUILDING
MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 AM, LOY BUILDING
COVERED DISH LUNCH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Healing Friends & Families of the Church

Clark Chase, grandson of Bobbie Scott
Patsy Rawlings
Scott & Melanie Cranford
Greg Shaffer
Priscilla Ricks
Bill Howell
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels
Sally Ray Warren
Sheryl and Wayne O'Neil
Ken and Holly Phipps & family
Kevin and Michael
Greg Batchelor
Doug Hayes
Gilbert Portela
Linda Ray, Pancreatic cancer
David and LaNae Grimes
Sandy Sandoval
Ara Griffin
Carolyn Crawford
Mike Swartzell, heart transplant
Saundra Arnold-Smith
Ciera Bristol, surgery for thyroid
Chris Dildy
Sandra Stephenson
Chad Keeter, automobile accident,
Friend of Mary Braswell Kiger
Jane Love's sister, Quincy Warner and brother-
in-law, Steve, surgery for Quincy and
Kristin Warner, daughter in law, dealing with
surgery and cancer with two kids
Waylon Newsom, child of Marie & Ryan
Newsom
Colby Kea, teenager suffering from depression
Joe West
Margo Allen
Cecil Faison
Marie Anderson
Mary Francis Fisher

On-Going Care

Jim & Margo Allen
Harry Bright
Bobbie Bright
Larry Avent

All people who provide on-going care

Special Prayers

- We pray for the children of Aurelian Springs Elementary and Clara Hearne Preschool and our ministry to them.
- Stanley White and Littleton Churches
- Carter Roux will be kept safe while teaching in South Korea
- Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sue Williamson
- Christian sympathy is also extend to Ellen and Jimmy Bryant on the death of his father

Concerns Outside of our Community

- SYRIA and YEMEN, civil war
- SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy
- EGYPT and LIBYA with political unrest
- ISRAEL, PALESTINE, GAZA peaceful coexistence
- IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security
- USA, war in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan
- NIGERIA, the approximately 100 abducted Chibok school girls
- Syrian Refugees
- Ukrainian people victimized by foreign aggression
- Survivors, families and friends of all types of violence

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2018

Shane Arthur

Faye Brown

Nancy Sandoval

Class of 2019

Jeff Dillard

Denise Hackenburg

John Shives

Class of 2020

Jimmy Bryant

Nancy Crowe

Mary Shelby

Wally Spragins

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am. Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes will be held in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Class is 8:30-11:30 am.

Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.

Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers

Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers

Contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Charles Harris, Organist

Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist