



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 6, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SIXTH 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)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *O Sing Unto the Lord* (p.6, #10 Black)

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: There is no greater love than this:

All: to lay down one's life for one's friends. Let us worship God.

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: Holy One, you made known to us the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Keep us always in Christ's love so that we may abide by your commandments and bear lasting fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands. In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

****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

Noreen Knudson, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98:1-9

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM

O Praise God in His Holiness

Mason

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

- excerpt from Belhar Confession (BOC 10.5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life,
saying: By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

One: Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . . Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may speak your truth and live your love as believers in the body of Christ our Lord. By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

One: Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . . Let the whole earth make a joyful noise to you. Let the sea laugh and the mountains sing in the justice and joy of your presence. By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

One: Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . . Help us to love one another as Christ loves us, laying down our lives for those in need, so that all may know fullness and joy in you. By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

One: Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . . Let those who struggle with sickness and sorrow know your victory over the powers of sin and death. Surround and sustain them with your love. By your grace, O God,

All: raise us from death to life.

One: Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed and taught us to pray - Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

In Jesus' Name We Pray

(p.69, #26)

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 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

**CHARGE

**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.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2018

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 Sthresley 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. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm.

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