



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 29, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: From the words of Jeremiah: 'The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness.'

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the healing power of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 385** *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* (page 6 of bulletin)

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

****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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you—in person, not in heart—we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, wanted to again and again—but Satan blocked our way. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Yes, you are our glory and joy! Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens; and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor had been in vain.

But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**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

LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(page 7 of bulletin)

**CHARGE

** BLESSING

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Presbyterian Church worship services will be streamed live on Facebook each Sunday at 11:00 am until further notice to comply with the social distancing due to the Corona Virus. Join us on Facebook at fpc roanoke rapids. A recorded version can be found later on the church website—www.fpc-rr.org.

All other church activities at the church have been canceled until further notice.

All committees are encouraged to meet using Zoom which is a web video conference service. The Session met last Sunday evening using this service. If you are interested but not sure how to do this contact Joe.

Weight Watchers have canceled meetings in the Loy Building through April. They will be conducting Virtual Workshops.

Prayers for the Healing of Friends & Families of the Church

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

David and LaNae Grimes

Sandra Stephenson

Mary Francis Fisher

Harrison West

Ellen Burnett

Diane Bone

Amy Browder Heybrock

Yvonne Joyner

Susan Horrell

Delbra Davis

Betsy Medlin

Al & Benjamin Hayes

Benjamin Hayes

Larry Spears

B.T. Brown

Billy Green

Joyce Thomas

Jason Mitcham

Yvonne Joyner

Tim Hardy

Eula Cutler

Bill Davis

Susan Lloyd

Frank Lonesky

Jeff Peedin

Roger Fuester

Linda Ray

Beth Bierbauer

Doug Hayes & family

Amy Browder Heybrock

Concerns Outside of our Community

*SYRIA and YEMEN

*SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy

*EGYPT and LIBYA, political unrest

*ISRAEL, PALESTINE, GAZA peaceful coexistence

*IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security

*USA, war in Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan

*NIGERIA, abducted Chibok school girls

*Ukrainian people victimized by foreign aggression

*People of Sudan

*Victims of gun violence in our country

*People in Nashville, TN

*People who have the coronavirus, been exposed or caring for others with the virus

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our 'Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2020

**Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins**

Class of 2021

**Jack Kiger
Mike Knudson
Jim Small
Pet Spears**

Class of 2022

**Susan Barmer
Susan Gaylor
Gary Hackenburg
Nancy Sandoval**

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 9:30 am in the Parlor, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Loy Building. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary 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 meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and are 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.

CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Nick Stephenson, Organist/Choral Accompanist**