

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

A Time of Fellowship

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Those recovering from illness or injury

Those grieving

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those dealing with flooding, unsafe drinking water, and/or homelessness in the Midwest and Mozambique

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees needing a safe place to live

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Stephenie Morales, Jack Dillman, and Elise Hallstoos (birthdays) and Chris & Michelle Daniels (anniversary)

The birth of Easton Alexander Parr, grandson to Mark and Annalee Ward

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., April 14 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: PALM SUNDAY Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Dedication of Fish Banks
Wed., April 17	2:00pm 6:30pm	Luke Study @ Bethany Home Choir
Thu., April 18	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday
Fri., April 19	12:00-3:00pm	Good Friday Ecumenical service @ St. Luke's UMC
Sat., April 20	10:00am	Session
Sun., April 21 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Easter Sunrise @ Grand River Center in the River Room Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Lent
West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (in memory of Barb Stant)
North Wall - I John 4:19 (in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)

Deacons for the month of April: Steve & Beth Foxen

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or john1rev@gmail.com

Prayer Chain requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-1:00pm

Lectionary Readings for April 21st:

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

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10:15am
Founded 1847
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019



Announcements

Bradley Longfield

Prelude

"Hosanna!"

arr. Hayes

For Prayer and Reflection:

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice, greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Opening Prayer

*Hymns of Praise

Hymn #265

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

St. Theodulph

Hymn #266

"Hosanna"

Tuttle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We confess that often we follow with misguided expectation and not faithful understanding. Our hopes reflect more our personal agendas than the realities of your kingdom. Our enthusiasms are misplaced, and our devotion is fickle. Forgive us for our failures in faithfulness. Grant that we who carry branches might also be willing to follow Christ to the cross, that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 31:9-16 p. 868

Choral Anthem “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” *Weissel*
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits: The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed; O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes! Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy. Come, Savior, come with us abide; Our hearts to you we open wide; Your Holy Spirit guide us on, Until our glorious goal is won.

Children’s Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)

Second Reading Luke 19:28-40 p. 1631

Sermon “The Good News About the God We Don’t Understand”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #268 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” *Truro*

***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 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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

The Offering

Offertory “Jerusalem” *Vogt*
***Doxology #34**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #270 “Oh How He Loves You and Me” (2x) *Kaiser*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** “Praise Him with Trumpets” *Blake*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Joe Klinebriel, *liturgist*
Rev. Beth McCaw, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Bob Monthey, *greeter*
The Wildermuths, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Courtney Schnoor and Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

Who We Are

“We love because God first loved us.” I John 4:19

First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father’s love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

USHER TRAINING IS TODAY after worship. If you would like to learn how to usher, please plan to stay after for a brief training session with Deacon Mark Stant. Mark will also train any deacon or elder wanting to learn how to serve communion at this training event. Please let Mark know if you are interested.

MARKYOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service
April 19 - 12:00-3:00 p.m. - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Luke’s Methodist Church
April 21 - 6:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service at the River Room of the Grand River Center
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m. - Worship

TRANSITION NEWS: The Pastor Nominating Committee is working hard in the search for a new pastor. Please keep them in prayer as they discern whom God is calling to lead us.

PLEASE SIGN the card in the Coffee Hour room and wish our missionary couple in Thailand a very happy anniversary!

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND. The women at the Domestic Violence Shelter are very grateful for the gifts and the compassion you share.

NEXT SUNDAY is the last day to give to the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING. This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Last year, we raised \$1,575. Can we match last year’s giving? So far, we have raised \$971.85. Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Apr. 21 - Rev. Bradley Longfield
Apr. 28 - Rev. John Armstrong
May 5 - Rev. Bradley Longfield

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed! Please sign up today in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in April or May. This important ministry of hospitality is appreciated by all.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through April 7th totaled \$3,506.10.