

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 at home recovering from surgery

Those facing serious medical challenges

One who suffered a fall and is in severe back pain

A group of friends from hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

One recovering from a work-related injury

A co-worker, severely burned

For the people of Syria (assaulted on each side by violent forces)

A student battling leukemia

For healthy pregnancies

One healing slowly from cancer surgery

A family hoping to be united one day

All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them.

Missionaries

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction, and the family and friends who journey with them.

Those facing health issues and medical concerns

For those battling cancer and cancer recurrences

All those being persecuted and killed for their Christian beliefs, including Abune Antonios, Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church in Eritrea

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Tammy Wehrspann and Stephenie Morales (birthdays)

Kate & Terry Tietjen (in the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Ann, born on her mother’s birthday, March 26, weighing 6lbs 3 oz)

Gilo & Apath Gora (in the birth of their son Obëënynyø on March 24th.)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Pastor out of the office until April 11

Sun., April 8	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Katrina Richardson, preaching
	11:30am	Lay Committee (Manse Sunday School room)
Thu., April 12	6:30pm	Called Session meeting with confirmands
Fri., April 13	1:30pm	Manor Care worship: Pastor & TBD
Sat., April 14	9:00am	Worship
Sun., April 15	9:00am 9:30am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Session meets with COM rep Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - John 11:25 Easter (in memory of George Nacos);
West Wall - 1 John 4:19
North Wall - Psalm 96:1 (in memory of Betty Gronau)

Deacons for the month of April: Jamie Dillman and Mark Stant

Prayer Chain requests may be called (582-4494) or emailed to the church office

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm .

Lectionary Readings for April 15th:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36b-48

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10:15am

Founded 1847
2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

Announcements

Prelude

“All Creatures of our God and King”
arr. Ijames

For Prayer and Reflection

(Book of Common Worship)
“Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

Call to Worship

(Psalm 133:1-3)
How very good and pleasant it is
When kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #312 “Christ is Alive!” (vv. 1,4,5) Truro

“Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed”
How can it be, the One who died, Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

CHORUS Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained, Life, life everlasting. (Chorus)

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness. (Chorus)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, you breathe new life into us every day. Through your grace, we have the strength to forgive others as you have forgiven us, and we have the ability to proclaim the Gospel to others. Forgive us when we forget the immense power of your strength, the very source of our strength that enables us to forgive others in the midst of this turbulent life. Forgive us when we doubt that you are present among us. We thank you for our ability to share with others what you have done and are doing in our midst. Fortify and embolden us to forgive others, to believe in you wholeheartedly, and to tell our neighbors about the good news in your name.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Acts 4:32-35 p. 1697

Choral Anthem “He Lives!” Pote
I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives! He lives! He Lives! I know that my Redeemer lives, at the last he will stand upon the earth. My flesh will be destroyed. Yet from this body I will see God! My eyes will behold him. I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives! He lives! He lives! And at the last he will stand, he will stand upon the earth. I know that my Redeemer lives. For now is Christ risen, risen from the dead. The first fruits of them that slept. Death has been destroyed, the victory complete through Jesus Christ our Lord. I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives! He lives! He lives! And at the last he will stand, he will stand upon the earth.

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

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 p. 1686

Sermon “Fresh Breath”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #372 “I Then Shall Live” Finlandia

*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.

Encounter with the Risen Christ Tim Slemmons

Congregational Response
Hymn #291 “Alleluia No. 1” (chorus only) Fishel

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering
Offertory “In Quiet Faith” arr. Broughton
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #419 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Olivet

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Song of Easter” Paxton
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee, liturgist
Katrina Richardson, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Sam Morales, greeter
The Slemmons, Coffee Fellowship hosts
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, Nursery

Who We Are
First Presbyterian Church is a diverse 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

NOW AVAILABLE! Work crews of Mission Team participants who are eager to earn much-needed funds for this summer’s mission trip. What are your needs? Landscape work, mulching, painting, trimming, weeding, tilling? They are ready to go to work. Please contact Steve Foxen or the pastor if you are interested in hiring a crew.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING goal for FPC was \$1500, and thanks to the generous hearts God has touched, we made our goal. This congregation has given a total of \$1575 to serve the needs of sisters and brothers throughout the world. Praise be to God.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE! To learn about the decisions the Session has made in light of Kat’s retirement, please see your April newsletter or speak to one of the Ruling Elders: Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, Rachel Vander Broek, Annalee Ward, Bob Monthey or John Dillman. Please also lift these persons in your prayers.

OUR PREACHER today is UIDS Student, Katrina Richardson, due to graduate this May. You will see more of Katrina in the future. Following Kat’s departure (and with Jennifer Pattee’s SPM ending at the end of April) Katrina has been hired to a 20-hour-a-week summer graduate intern position (for 10-12 weeks through August). She will preach occasionally, provide worship leadership, assist with VBS, and support the ministry of FPC. Please welcome her warmly!

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! We have made progress on brainstorming ways to serve together this summer! Jennifer is now looking for 2-3 volunteers to be "point people" for each of the service days. Talk to Jennifer about ways you can help or email her at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

MISSIONARY NEWS—Get the newsletter in the Coffee Room or Narthex.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour Room. Please consider serving.

EARTH DAY 2018: Beyond a Throwaway Culture - End Plastic Pollution! This FREE program will be held on Tues., April 17 at 6:30pm at the Canticle of Creation Center at Mt. St. Francis, 3390 Windsor Ave. Reserve your place today by contacting Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org 563-9786, ext. 6167.

IN THE EVENT of a pastoral emergency while the pastor is out of town (April 3-11) please contact one of our Deacons of the Month (Jamie Dillman or Mark Stant), or Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee (563.564.2560).

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through April 1st totaled \$4,465.25.