

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019 11:00am

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Behold the Lamb of God" G.F. Handel
Messiah

✠CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our salvation,
People: Who bears all our burdens and forgives all our sins.
Liturgist: Our delight is in your Word of grace and truth.
People: Let your teaching never be far from our thoughts.
All: Let us all worship our crucified Lord!

✠HYMN 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Caring and redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart; nor have we loved our neighbors as we ought. We have strayed from your commandments and neglected your call to live as obedient disciples and faithful followers of your Word. Do not remember our sins, we pray; and forgive all of our transgressions; so that we may fix our eyes upon your supreme gift to us, in the person and work of Jesus Christ, our Lord. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Friends in Christ, through the gift of the new covenant, shown to us in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
People: We rejoice in the gift of our salvation.
Liturgist: We have been set free from the chains that bound us.
People: Praise God for his mercy, which is everlasting to everlasting.

✠RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymn 579)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace" Z. Randall Stroope

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Remaining Connected Rev. Edgar McCall

✠HYMN 527 Near to the Heart of God MC AFEE

✠AFFIRMATION of FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

PRESENTATION of TITHES, OFFERINGS and GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Trio on KINGFOLD" arr. Charles Callahan

✠RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymnal, Page 592)
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER of DEDICATION

✠HYMN 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine ASSURANCE

✠CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Hymnal, Page 540, Stanza 1)
**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, up hold you;
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE "Toccata on ST. ANNE" arr. David Lasky

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✠All who are able, please stand.

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Count Team: Jim Morton/Jennifer Bryan **Greeters:** Jane Mahaffey/Dave & Janet Houk
Ushers: Jimbo Howey/Casey Ballard **Chancel:** Karen Neely **Liturgist:** Garren Adamson

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May you feel God's presence, may the message be a blessing in your life
and may the grace of God go with you and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Please come again soon!

A SPECIAL INVITATION! You are encouraged to become a member of our congregation, if you have no permanent church home. The Session receives new members upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon their reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or by transfer of their membership from another congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor following the worship service, indicate this on the Friendship Register, or call the church office.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND one of our Sunday School classes: 9th-12th grade;
Adult: Friendship Class; Spirit/Passage Class. Come join us as we explore God's Word together!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Edgar McCall - Pastor

Marsha Roberts - Director of Music and Organist

Susan Lott - Administrative Assistant

Philip W. Neely - Treasurer

SESSION

Holly C. Furr, Clerk

Class of 2019

Holly C. Furr
Elizabeth W. Gregory
William K. Williams

Class of 2020

Jennifer L. Bryan
H. Max Clyburn
David A. Ghent

Class of 2021

Jon C. Lochner
Philip W. Neely
Diana A. Threatt

MINISTRY COMMITTEE LEADERS

Christian Formation - H. Max Clyburn/Holly C. Furr

Columbarium & Memorial Garden - Jane R. Mahaffey

Congregational Care - David A. Ghent

Fellowship - Jon & Diane Lochner

Mission & Outreach - Jennifer L. Bryan

Worship - Elizabeth W. Gregory

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Pastoral & Staff Relations - H. Max Clyburn/William K. Williams

Property Management - H. Max Clyburn/Philip W. Neely

Stewardship and Operational Support - William K. Williams/Diana Threatt

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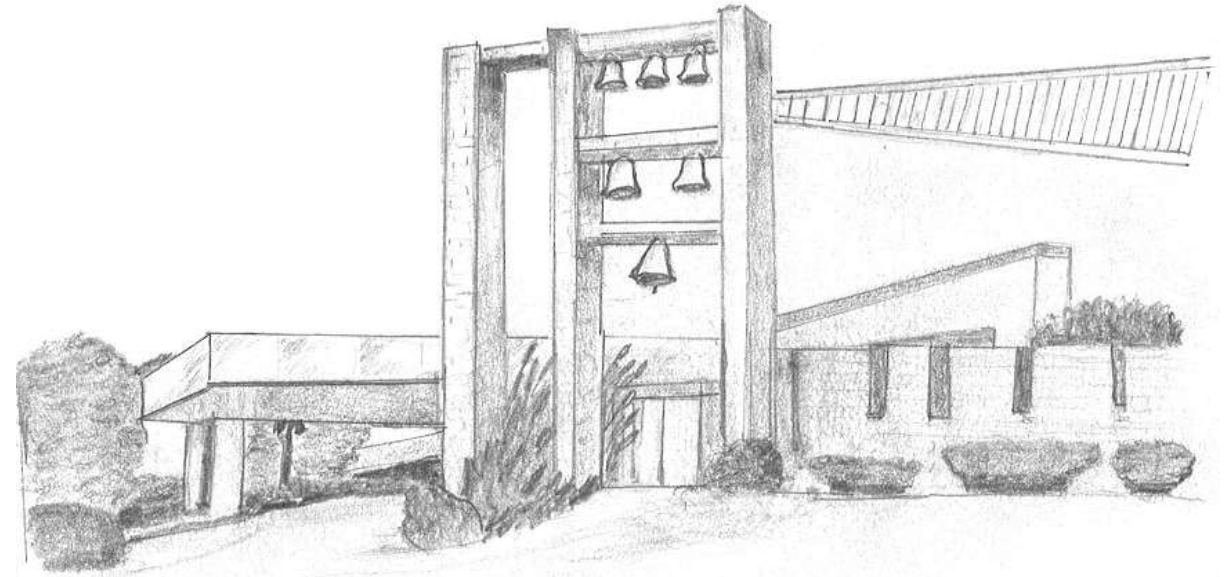
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, are disciples of the risen Christ and members of his universal Body, who are empowered by God's Spirit to WORSHIP God with joy and thanksgiving; PROCLAIM the Gospel through word and deed; TEACH the message of God's love in Christ; SHARE God's love for all people by reaching out in hospitality, ministry and mission; WORK together in harmonious unity as a loving and caring people; and to SERVE one another and others beyond our fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The values we cherish to enable us to accomplish our vision and mission are the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

John McCulloch
 Jim & Merrio Morton
 John, Beth, Kate & Evan Muse

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church 283-3329, so the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Please come by the Prayer Ministry Table before worship and give your prayer request to our prayer ministry representatives. The names will be provided to Rev. McCall before the pastoral prayer to be raised to God in congregational prayer. At the Prayer Table cards are available to express our love and concern to those requested for prayer. Please stop by each Sunday on your way into the sanctuary to sign these cards and help to further our church's ministry of sympathy, witness and service to others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Today: Carolyn Hardin/Joy Williams **Next Week:** Donna Connors/Jamie Williams

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: Martha Jo Mahaffey; Angie Elsberry; Geneva Davis; Ernest Hegler; Max Clyburn.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Libby Woodruff; Robby Ashworth; Jake Campbell; Wanda Taylor; Cassandra Davis; Mildred & Luther Thomas; Richard Steele; Debbie Spaugh; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Melinda Iannuzzi; Carlyle Henley; Bob Paschal; Buddy Hungerford; families of Phillip Hough, Brenda Brown, Mary Reid & James Robinson.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: April 07, 2019 - April 13, 2019

Sunday	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Worship
Monday	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	11:00 AM	Bible Study Group
Tuesday	10:15 AM	Saints Alive/ Glencairn Gardens
	12 Noon	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	6:00 PM	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i> followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00pm
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting

BIRTHDAYS: 12 Sonia Dettweiler

ATTENDANCE: March 31 Worship - 69 Sunday School - 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 26

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>03/31/19</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,994.00	\$ 51,922.00
Amount Received	<u>4,444.33</u>	<u>52,312.99</u>
	\$ <u>450.33</u>	\$ <u>390.99</u>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

VISITORS and GUESTS. Worship is essential to your walk with Christ and we are glad you are with us today. We welcome you as our guest. Please fill out the *Friendship Pad* found on the pew seat. *In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.* **Join us again as we worship God.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love.** With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

WEE WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS for children are available in a basket on a table in the narthex. Please return the bags to the basket after worship. **NURSERY** care is offered during worship in the Education wing across from the Ladies' restroom.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets each week, with the next meeting being held on **Monday, April 8th** beginning just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. *See you there! Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.* Hebrews 7:25

HOPE IN LANCASTER. Our congregation is asked to support HOPE in April. Monetary donations and "unexpired", nonperishable food items are welcomed. Items needed include: canned goods (meat/tuna/chicken/milk/cream soups/Vienna sausage/tomatoes/green peas), mayonnaise and grits. Please place all food items in the wooden box located inside the back entrance of the church. *Thanks!*

The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets tomorrow, **April 8th** at 11:00am in the Georgie Beckham Memorial Library. The study is Chapter 3, "*The Timid Soul*" which focuses on the text from Matthew 25: 14-30. **All are welcome!**

PALM SUNDAY. Worship on Palm Sunday, **April 14th** will be special for several reasons: it is the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian year; our new Presbytery leaders, The Reverends Hoover and Olivia Haney will be joining us for worship and we will enjoy the musical accompaniment of trumpeter, Ken Edmonds. Worship with us on this special day!

STONE SOUP & MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP. The Fellowship Committee will host our Stone Soup meal beginning at 6:00pm on **Thursday, April 18th** before the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion. We would like contributions from the congregation of canned diced/crushed tomatoes, beef broth and fresh diced vegetables (sweet onions, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, celery). Please drop your contributions by the church before Tuesday, **April 16th.** Make plans to attend dinner at **6:00pm** and this *important service and Communion in preparation for Easter* beginning at **7:00pm** in the sanctuary.

SUNRISE SERVICE. First Presbyterian & Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian will join together for an interdenominational **Easter Sunrise Service, April 21st** beginning at **7:00am** on the grounds of FPC. Please bring a folding chair and dress warmly. Stay after the service for breakfast in our Fellowship Hall.