

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
April 29, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



Our Vision

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

"Blessed Be Your Name"
Glorify!

Matt and Beth Redman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Akeman

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Let us praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 268 (Blue Hymnal) "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us.
In baptism God claimed us and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.
We believe the promise: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!

*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor David

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 127

ANTHEM

"I Heard A Great Voice"
Chancel Choir

W. Billings

I heard a great voice from heaven saying unto me:
Write from henceforth, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
Yea, Saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors And their works, which do follow, follow them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Fed by the Vine"

Rev. David Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Give Thanks To God

*HYMN NO. 88 (White Hymnal)

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use "debts" and "debtors."*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

"O We Have Found a Lovely Vine"

G. Young

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give you thanks and praise. Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus.
Amen.***

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 115 (Blue Hymnal) “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

(Please use the following as verses 3 and 4)

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which ever more passes human knowing.**

**Alleluia! Now we cry to our Lord immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb’s dark portal;
Alleluia! With the Son, God the Father praising;
Alleluia! Yet again to the Spirit raising.**

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

K. Kolander

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**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to share your information on one of the Welcome cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Karen Snow in memory of her husband, Dana Snow.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Betsy Akeman

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Pastor David

JUNIOR CHURCH: Pauline Lee

SIP N CHAT: The Four Girls

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Susan Butler, Fred Hunter, John & Vivian Hammat

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP N CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15—Worship Service

11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL THANKS TO GLORIFY! AND TO CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THE MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE COMMUNITY MEAL. It was nice to have two new volunteers come and help as well as the faithful and hard-working group that volunteers every month.

CHECK OUT THE NEW CARDS AND ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS!

- Welcome cards for visitors to leave their contact information and for regular attenders to update theirs.
- Prayer request cards. Use these for updates to the prayer list as well.
- Deacon giving envelopes for donations to the ministry of our Deacons.
- Giving envelopes for other donations.

Any of these can be deposited in the offering plate. The fellowship pads will no longer be used.

PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP. These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these.

HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS? *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine.

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE. Did your heart jump for joy as you read that? Then we have a great way to help us minister here at First Pres. We are looking for volunteers to keep the new pew cards and envelopes stocked and arranged in orderly fashion. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor David or Pauline Lee.

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS LUNCH AFTER CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6. No reservations needed, no waiting in line, no wondering what to fix for lunch and no cleaning up afterwards. A free will offering will be accepted with 100% of the proceeds going to help with the cost of putting on the Neighborhood Jam 2018. The menu is chicken stuffing casserole, green beans, fruit salad, dinner roll, ice cream cake and a beverage.

THE SHEPHERDS WILL HAVE A MEETING AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY TO PLAN THE CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH ON MAY 20.

SAVE THE DATE! ON MAY 20TH DURING THE SERVICE, WE WILL BE HONORING ALL THE MUSIC ENSEMBLES. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

PAPER BAGS NEEDED! The multiple long weekends away from school have greatly depleted GoPacks' paper bag supply! Donations of gently used paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the red bin in the Donation Station. Thank you.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are available in the next few months are July 8, August 5 and August 26.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

April 29 – May 6

Sunday

- 9:00 – Adult SunSch
- 9:00 – PresbyPraise
- 9:15 – Youth/Child SS
- 10:15 – Worship
- 11:30 – Sip N Chat
- 11:45 – Glorify!
- 5:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

- 12:00 – Endowments
- 5:00 – Glorify! Combo

Wednesday

- 3:20 – Scholars
- 5:00 – Westminster Bells
- 6:30 – Joyful Hearts
- 7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 5:00 – Stampin Up
- 5:30 – Girl Scouts
- 7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

- 8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
- 9:00 – AA
- 10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
- 12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday

- Scriptures: 1 John 5:1-6
Acts 10:44-48
- Sermon: “Surprised
by the Spirit”