

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
May 13, 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
Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 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

“Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”

D. Polley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Rachel Carr

Clap your hands, all you peoples.

Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our ruler, sing praises.

For God is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that he reigns in power for us.

Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands, that we may live as his body in this world. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 151 (Blue Hymnal)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to proclaim your good news.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other.

We have received the Holy Spirit!

We are empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ who has ascended and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit 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

ANTHEM

“Hymn of Praise”
Chancel Choir

N. Sleeth

In the bulb there is flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
What it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Over All Things”

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. 213 (Blue Hymnal)

“God, Our Lord, a King Remaining”

BRYN CALFARIA

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

“New Shoes”
Joyful Hearts/ Glorify! Combo

M. Lister

*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. Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 55 (White Hymnal)

“We Will Glorify”

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

W. Haller

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

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning. We would like 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 in memory of Lucetta Chase, Cathy Piekarski’s mother, who would have celebrated her 114th birthday yesterday.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Mary Rachel Carr

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Pastor David

JUNIOR CHURCH: Cathy Piekarski

SIP N CHAT: Betty and Tom Hurte

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE: Abby Miller

USHERS: Wade, Lisa and Abby Miller, Taylor Offenberger

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 JOYFUL HEARTS, CHANCEL CHOIR AND THE GLORIFY COMBO FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20 FROM 5 TO 7 P.M. There will be no youth group tonight.

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 20. As part of our celebration of the coming of the Spirit, we will receive the denominational Pentecost Offering. This offering supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency targeted towards youth and at-risk children. Our church will retain 40% which will be divided between our Youth Ministry program and Scholars of Fourth (our tutoring program for Washington Elementary students).

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH HOSTED BY OUR SHEPHERDS NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP.

NEXT SUNDAY, DURING THE SERVICE, WE WILL BE HONORING ALL THE MUSIC ENSEMBLES.

OUR FREE COMMUNITY MEAL IS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, which will be the Tuesday before Memorial Day. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to help prepare, serve or clean up. The menu is chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, and dessert.

THE WEEPING WILLOW SOFTBALL LEAGUE BEGINS ON JUNE 4!! Join us as we play Co-ed softball at Buckeye Park. Anyone ages 18 and older can play (if you are 16 or 17 years old you can play with parent's permission!). The sign-up sheet is on the big bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance. If we do not have enough players for a team then we will combine with another team. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Scheve at 740-336-8213.

A CHURCH RUMMAGE IS BEING PLANNED. Proceeds will benefit the Washington Career Center (purchase of toolkits for various majors) and Caldwell Presbyterian Church (to help with installation of a new handicap access lift). Beginning Monday, May 21, we will be accepting tools, household items, children's clothing, etc. **NO ADULT CLOTHING OR SHOES, PLEASE.** There will also be a bake sale. Date is TBD in July or August. Questions? Please speak to Suzan Warner or Susan Barengo.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 27.

- Seniors: Kell Campbell, Meredith Davis, Elena Donnelly, Lillian Lykins-McNeel, Carrington Van Dyk.
- There will be a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. that morning for graduates and their families. If you would like to donate a breakfast item for that, please contact Mary Jane Lawson (740-350-3610 or mjjm@suddenlink.net)
- We will recognize graduates in worship.

JUNE 3RD - YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM MEETING - AFTER WORSHIP IN THE YOUTH ROOM - There will be a meeting for Youth Group Volunteers after worship in the youth room. This meeting is for both new and current volunteers. It is our hope that in the upcoming ministry year we will cultivate a team for our youth ministry. This team will serve as volunteers, chaperones, mentors, and helpers to our students. Our students deserve a dedicated team that will invest time in their efforts each week. It is our goal that we will help build relationships between our youth and active members of FPC. This meeting should be about 30 minutes. If there are any questions, please contact Brad (304-483-3403).

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TEND OUR CHURCH GREEN SPACE. We are looking for volunteers to keep our greenspace weeded and looking nice. Sign up on the bulletin board at the bottom of the main staircase.

VALLEY GEM BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP ON THE RIVER WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. Save the date! If the annual boat outing is "not your thing," please complete the tear-off survey in the bulletin to let us know if there are enough folks to justify planning a service that day at our building.

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.

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.

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
May 13 – May 20**

Sunday – Mother’s Day

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

Monday

Tuesday

- 5:00 – Glorify! Combo
- 5:00 – Book Club
- 6:00 - EVE

Wednesday

- 3:20 – Scholars
- 6:00 – Joyful Hearts
- 6:30 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 5:30 – Girl Scouts
- 6:00 – Finance
- 7:00 – AA

Friday

- 6:30 – Youth Mini Golf

Saturday

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

Next Sunday - Pentecost

- Scriptures: Romans 8:22-27
Acts 2:1-21
- Sermon: “With the Help of the Spirit”

VALLEY GEM BOAT RIDE OR SERVICE AT CHURCH

We know the boat trip isn’t everyone’s “cup of tea.” If you would like to attend a service at the church on Valley Gem Sunday instead of going on the boat, please let us know by writing your name on this tear-off and putting it in the offering plate. If enough people want a church service we will make arrangements for one.

Name: _____
