

First Presbyterian Church



April 7, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Communion

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5th Sunday of Lent

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Prelude

Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord

J.S. Bach

**Processional

Aidan Schulte

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: As People formed by God, we give praise to God:

People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us, God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us, God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us, God is doing a new thing!

*Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you.

For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

No. 84

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Confident of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by Carol and Dick Blumenshine

Praying for the Church Family-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Jeff Crittenden, Paul Crittenden, Kevin and Michelle Cronkleton & family, Cynthia Berner and Marilyn Heffner.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

One Great Hour of Sharing helps in Madagascar

The thriving tangerine crop in Antanetibe, Madagascar, is the fruit of a Spirit-inspired endeavor to lift families out of poverty. Thanks to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering Presbyterian World Mission has been able to give hope to this community. Through patience, perseverance and hard work, the tangerine farmers are growing an abundance of fruit and selling it for a good price. Families are moving from a daily struggle simply to put food on the table toward a degree of economic security. Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world. This is reflected in the high rate of stunting in children which is the result of chronic malnutrition. Folks are struggling just to grow enough food to feed their families.

OGHS provides funds to send Dan Turk, who holds a doctorate in forestry, to work alongside the farmers. His wife, Elizabeth, a nurse and public health specialist, provides valuable expertise to families. Says Dan, "we should do more than preach the gospel, we should also be involved in people's lives. Our church has many outreach ministries to fight poverty and help deal with the issues people face day to day. Evangelism should be to the whole person." A gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing, received on Palm Sunday, April 14, helps sponsor mission co-workers around the world work with global partners to find creative solutions to pressing problems. Your gift will help alleviate poverty, give hope to hurting people, and promote peacemaking in the name of Jesus Christ.

Journeys Class to Continue with:

Art's Role in Christianity: An Historical Perspective

April 7 through April 28

In April, the *Journeys* class will take a new and fascinating kind of journey into the world of art. Over the course of time, what was the role of art in telling the story of Christianity? Art expert and our own church member Bob Workman, recently retired director of the Ulrich Museum at Wichita State University, will lead us on this, colorful, intriguing and fact-filled journey.

Come join us in the West Dining Room at 9:30 a.m. for this insightful series.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God,

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Music

What Wondrous Love

Dale Wood

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

Now to Your Table Spread

No. 515

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude

Dialogue

Francois Couperin

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Michel

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney

News & Upcoming Activities

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be purchased in Honor of or in Memory of a loved one. Envelopes are on the information table and in the office. The deadline to purchase the lilies is April 12. The cost is \$12 per plant.

“Be Well” (in body, mind, & relationships) Seminar Saturday, April 13

***Deadline to register for “Be Well” is today, Sunday, April 7**

The Parish Nurse and the Evangelism/Hospitality Commission are sponsoring a “Be Well” Seminar, one session only, on Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in *The Well*. The session is FREE, limited to 20 individuals with lunch and materials provided.

To register, sign up with Joan Aldrich (409-7249) or Mary Knecht (942-8068) by noon, Sunday, April 7. If you make a reservation, plan to attend, or cancel to make room for someone else.

“Be Well” is presented by Rev. Dave Fulton. He received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and has been leading “Be Well” Seminars with great success for the last year. He is offering this program to members of FPC, their family and friends. If this session proves popular others will be scheduled.

Deep Spiritual Wellness (DSW) is our natural vitality and source of wellness. Spirit is the inner energy which makes us well. Spiritual practices such as meditation (mind), yoga (body), and spiritual conversation (relationships) open us to deep spiritual wellness. Stress in body, mind and relations take us out of DSW. Living in Deep Spiritual Wellness empowers vitality! **For Deep Spiritual Wellness sign up to “Be Well” in body, mind, and relationships!**

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE HELP NEEDED!

We are in desperate need for additional help in the Transportation Office. We are so happy for Kathy McVey to get a new kidney, but now need additional coverage for scheduling in the office. This would be on Thursday mornings from 9-11:30. It is not hard and free training will be provided! Please contact Patty Cole at 316-250-4577 or pattycole21@gmail.com. Please consider this great opportunity for you to help with this mission.

Thanks!-Patty

