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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.

...by grace
you
have
been
saved...
*Ephesians 2:5,
NRSV*

March 19, 2023

9:30 a.m.



Fourth Sunday
IN LENT

Sharing the Life of the Church

WE GATHER AT THE WELL OF WORSHIP, WHERE JESUS, OUR LIVING WATER, QUENCHES OUR THIRST FOR LOVE, LIFE, HOPE, PEACE. WELCOME.

Lenten Book Study - Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Annie continues the Lenten book study *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey. If you'd like to attend, please let her know.

Congregational Meeting - Please remain following 9:30 worship **today** for our annual Congregational Meeting.

Snack Drive - The Mission Committee is collecting snack items for Children's Listening Center, Children's Home Society and Family Crisis Intervention Center. Check the display outside the Sanctuary for a list of requested items.

Community Easter Egg Hunt - The egg hunt at Friendship Park has been rescheduled for **Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m.** Donations of eggs, individually-wrapped candy and monetary donations are appreciated. See the collection point outside the church office.

Church Easter Egg Hunt - Following 10:30 worship on **Easter Sunday, April 9**, there will be a church egg hunt for *all* of our kids. Children may bring their own baskets or use the bags that will be available. All eggs and candy will be furnished by the church.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to order Easter flowers for dedication, fill out an order form and return it with your payment to the offering plate or the church office no later than **March 27**. Order forms are available outside the Sanctuary entrance.

Volunteer Recognition - In April the Session will recognize a church volunteer for the quarter ending March 31. If you'd like to nominate someone for this honor, fill out a Nomination Form (located in the foyer) and return to the church office no later than **Sunday, April 2**.

Being Presbyterian 101 - New members, and anyone interested in learning what it means to be Presbyterian, are invited to join Pastor Annie at **9:30 a.m.** on Sundays, **April 23, 30, and May 7**, in Room 204.

April 30 is "Choose-a-Hymn" Sunday

Be thinking about the hymn you would like to nominate for use during worship on April 30. Forms will be available soon.

HOLY WEEK



APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

APRIL 5

6:30 p.m. Outdoor Casual Worship in the Prayer Garden following The Gathering

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship in the Prayer Garden
(no 8:30 a.m. Worship)

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Egg Hunt to follow

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again."

John 4:13-14

Welcome

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Parker/arr. L. Mason

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for the living God.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him.

He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

***Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day
seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water.***

***Jesus offered to her what he offers to us: the life-giving water
that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life.***

You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again.

***As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah,
lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord,***

so that others might know of Christ's love through us.

Hear our prayer and accept our praise in his holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Children's Time

Cents-Ability Offering

*Those who are able, please stand.

2.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, our thirst mounts daily,
seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love.
Yet when that love is offered to us, we turn away,
unable to believe that you would actually heal and love us.
We have behaved in very unloving ways.
We have chosen to ignore those in need
or to deal only passively with them.
Our hearts are not placed in service to others,
but rather in self-serving motives.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Wash us again in the living water.
Lead us to show mercy to others and to share our blessings
to satisfy their earthly needs, their hunger and thirst.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and know that
in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.
In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory to God

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

Sharing the Life of the Church

Special Music

*Those who are able, please stand.

4.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

GOING

***Hymn 626**

As the Deer
(sing two times)

AS THE DEER

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude

Song of Triumph

David Wion

Annual Congregational Meeting

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadles - *Connor Buchanan, Audrey Hickman*

Liturgist - *Mikki Bosley*

Sermon Character - *Mikki Bosley*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

We continue with our Lenten Worship Series
AMAZING GRACE

Next Sunday, March 26 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

We will marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul,
who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord
through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 19 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

9:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day (combined services)
 Sanctuary / *Cents-Ability Offering*

10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Monday, March 20 *Wood Co. Schools Spring Break begins*

6:00 p.m. Mission Committee - Harris Room

Tuesday, March 21

5:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Committee - Bell Room

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 p.m. The Gathering meal - Stevenson Hall
PW Board meets - Stevenson Hall

6:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study / Pastor Annie - Room 204B

Thursday, March 23

6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room

7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Friday, March 24

2:00 p.m. Setup for Camden Clark Egg Hunt - Stevenson Hall

Saturday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards - Harris Room

10:00 a.m. CCMC Egg Hunt - Outdoors/Stevenson Hall

12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, March 26 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel

9:30 a.m. Bell rehearsal - Bell Room

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room

10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mamie Dawson
Phillip Irvine
John B. White
Wayne Sanders
Fleming Family
Alex Morgado
Judy Stephens
Katy Stephens
Bernice Lemley
Marianne Mason
Doug Anderson

Family of Manley Zinn
Family of Judy Lantrip
Karen Vanoster
Cunningham Family
Melanie Thompson
Becky Holdren & family
Ruth Ann Huddle
Charlotte Johnson
Roy Clark & Family
Megan Dougherty
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

Yvonne White
Art Bennett
Dan Ellis
Dave Bell
Vince Eades
Jean Singer
Brad Carter
Barb Easter
Mary Slater
Doris Dunn
Mysti Ruble
Bill Niday



...whoever
drinks the water I give him
will never thirst.

John 4:14b