

Announcements


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EASTER LILIES ► This is the last week to order lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter services. Please see insert in the bulletin.

ANNOUNCING: CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS ► Children's Worship Bags are now available for both services. These small bags will have crayons, a pencil, other small items, including a small treat (a mint or other candy). Each child is invited to pick up a worship bag from the marked crate outside of the main doors of the Sanctuary. These will be available each week for children to use as needed. PLEASE return your bag (and the supplies) at the end of each service to the "Return" basket outside of the main doors of the Sanctuary, so that our volunteers can restock them. And don't forget to turn in your sermon art!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST YOUTH MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER @ FPC ► SUNDAY, March 29th at 10 AM in cafeteria. There are no Sunday school classes on this Sunday. Tickets will be available for purchase after each morning service. \$5 per person or \$20 Family Ticket. Our Middle and High school youth will travel to Wetumpka, Alabama this July. They will serve this impoverished community by assisting with a Kid's Club, painting and repairing homes, and whatever else is needed. Not only are we fundraising to help with our costs for the trip, we are also hoping to raise enough additional funds to be able provide back to school supplies and/or shoes to the 75 children attending the Kid's Club this summer. We ask that you continue to keep our team (15 youth and 3 adults), the community of Wetumpka and our efforts in your prayers. If you would like to make a donation towards this service project and/or the trip expenses, please see Teri Severine for more information.

MFL ► All men are invited to participate in a new 9 week Bible study that will begin on April 11th. Will meet on Saturdays at 8:00 AM in the Welcome Center. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

 **WOMEN IN THE CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING TEA** ► Register for the Annual Spring Tea in the breezeway on Sunday, March 22nd and 29th, after the 8:30 a.m. worship service, and before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Tea will be held on Saturday, April 11th, 2015, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the home of Mrs. Nicole Lindstrom in Parkland. All women and young women (ten years and older) are invited to attend. The cost is \$5.00. For further information or if you would like to offer helping hands, please contact Mayya Bitar (954-753-2597) or Paulette Goldschmidt (954-303-7008).

EASTER CONCERT ► This year, our Easter Concert will feature Franz Josef Haydn's beautiful *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, which focuses on the Passion of Christ and will include music by our choir, soloists, and orchestra. The concert will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29th, at 7:00 PM and is a perfect way to begin Holy Week.

BEYOND THE MASK ► See insert in the bulletin to learn how we can bring this God-honoring film to the big screen in our community.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BUILDING A ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

BUILDING THE FAMILY OF GOD -EPHESIANS 2:19-22

First Presbyterian Church is a reformed, confessional, ordinary means of grace congregation that exists to exalt God, edify and equip the saints, evangelize the lost, and extend the love, mercy, and mission of Christ locally and around the world.

REFORMED: We find our roots in the 16th century Protestant Reformation and affirm the five solas of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone), Sola Fide (Faith Alone), Solus Christus (Christ Alone), Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) and Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone).

CONFESSIONAL: As a member church of the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), we embrace and confess that the doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechism is the most faithful summary of scriptural teaching. The PCA's slogan encapsulates well our beliefs: "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, Obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ."

ORDINARY MEANS OF GRACE: We believe God builds His Church and promises to bless Her through His ordinary means of grace, which are: the Word (especially preaching), Sacraments (biblically regulated worship), and Prayer.

First Presbyterian Church is committed to the primacy of corporate worship. Regular attendance to the ordinary means of grace is vital for believers' spiritual nourishment and growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. God's people are therefore called to participate regularly in the Lord's Day corporate worship, in dependence upon God's Spirit who applies Christ's benefits through His Word, prayer, and the sacraments. As such, we encourage you and your family to consider the various ministries, fellowship events, and educational opportunities, such as weekly Bible studies and Sunday school classes, as complementary to corporate worship, but never as replacement of corporate worship.

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An Ordinary Means of Grace Congregation

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. -Psalm 124:8



First Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY
March 22, 2015

Greetings and Announcements

8:25 AM and 10:55AM

During the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Prelude

Jenna Ostroff, piano

Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

Philippians 4:4-7

The Invocation

The Introit

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Schwoebel

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice give thanks and sing, beneath the standard of your God, the cross of Christ, your King. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maiden fair, raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

The Sanctuary Choir

* The Opening Hymn No. 310 *REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING*

Wesley

The Confession of Sin

Father, we recognize our tendency toward self-trust and arrogance. We acknowledge our gross insensitivity to You and to others. We are often deaf to the thunder of Mount Sinai and we are not astonished at Your healing stream of mercy flowing from Mount Calvary. Open our ears to Your law and to Your Gospel. Rescue us from our numbness. Save us from our lovelessness. Help us to see our own cold hearts, and send Your great grace to renew us. This we pray for Your glory and for the glory of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:1-4

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared."

The Confession of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.

* The Gloria Patri

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.

* Hymn of the Month *MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN* Keith and Kristin Getty

Pastoral Prayer

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

SECURE

Courtney

A storm is raging, Lord. The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail. The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale. The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me. I am sinking, Lord. The boat is taking water, going down. Part the waters, Lord. I long to plant my feet on solid ground. Oh, Lord of sky and sea, Your hand is reaching out to me, I know that You have heard my plea, my hope is sure. Oh, Lord of sky and sea, Your hand is reaching out to me, I know that You have heard my plea, I am secure. I am secure.

The Sanctuary Choir

* Doxology

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.

Offertory Prayer

Children's Prayer

Children in grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Church.

The Sermon

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

Pastor Drew DiNardo

Mark 2:1-12

(pg. 837 in the pew Bible)

* Communion Hymn No. 420 *AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING* -Campbell

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, You claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Hymn of Response No. 465 *MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD*

Johnston

* Benediction

Postlude

Today's Service

Pastor Drew continues today in his sermon series on the gospel of Mark, and is preaching a sermon titled, *Your Sins are Forgiven* based on Mark 2:1-12. So far, in Jesus' ministry, we have seen amazing, miraculous acts of healing, casting out demons, and unprecedented preaching and teaching with authority. But now we see a man who had come for physical healing, and Jesus speaks about the more serious illness of sin, and about the radical healing of forgiveness. The paralytic man's healing is a sign that he has been forgiven (v. 5).

Jesus claims for Himself the power to forgive sins, which in Scripture can be attributed only to God (Ex. 34:7; Is. 1:18). If Jesus were a mere man, the teachers of the law who were present would have been right in accusing Him of being a blasphemer (v. 7). But Jesus asks the scribes to reconsider their judgment in the light of His power to heal, by asking, *"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise, take up your bed and walk?'"* (v. 9). Jesus then commands the stricken man to rise, pick up his bed, and go home, which the man immediately does. Jesus proves His divinity that the people were *"all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We never saw anything like this!'"* (v.12).

To declare that one's sins are forgiven is easier to say, because it can't be verified. But a healed paralytic can be tested, and no one wants to speak healing and be found a fake. But from Jesus' perspective, the harder miracle is forgiveness, and this is exactly what the Bible says we have been given in Christ. Whatever else we may be praying for - healing, deliverance, peace, etc. - God may or may not answer as such. But the greater miracle God has already provided in Christ - the forgiveness of sin!

We close our service today with Julia Johnston's best-known hymn, *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*, written in 1910. Johnston was a Sunday school teacher who was known as an expert on Sunday school curriculum. She knew how important it was to understand and experience the simple, yet difficult truth of God's gracious forgiveness. Just as Jesus' healing of the paralytic was connected to the faith of his friends who brought him, so our forgiveness is based on our faith in Christ. In Christ we learn this essential lesson - we cannot out-sin God's amazing grace! Please join us as we sing of that marvelous grace:

"Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin."

Please join us for prayer at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship at 6:00 p.m.

Evening Service

THE DEATH OF SAMSON

Pastor Mick Weltin

Judges 16:23-31

* Denotes congregation standing