

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, everything that we have is a gift from you. Bless these offerings today as tokens of our thanks. May they be used to care for your people here and around the world. Amen.

GO TO SERVE
WITH GOD'S BLESSING

***HYMN**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Ma - ker's throne We pour our
3. We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
5. From so - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love: The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds. Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

LONDONDERRY AIR

O, Lord, now let your servants depart in peace,
According to your gracious word.

Our eyes have seen the glory of salvation,
Prepared for all the people of the world.

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you,
And make his face to shine upon you;

And may God lift his countenance upon you,
And give you blessed peace for now and evermore.

POSTLUDE “Symphony No. 6, Op. 42, No. 2 (I. Allegro)” Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Music Notes: The offertory/anthem is a solo movement from *Five Mystical Songs* by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). The text is a poem by George Herbert (1593-1633). Baritone soloist Patrick Downing is a member of the *Sanctuary Choir*, *Chamber Chorale*, and *Vesper Bells*. We thank Dalaie Choi for playing the organ this weekend.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Justin Ilg; Sean Jacobsmeier; Rick & Carol Knowlton; Bob McCowan; John Norton's niece and family; Rev. Dr. Richard Miller; Linda Ruebling; Sarah Shaffer (*Bev & Dick Koos's niece*); Sue Shawver and family (*death of husband, father, and grandfather, Ward*); Sara Sinclair; Donald and Delma Timm; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



“Abiding does not mean sitting idly by. It means resting in the work, resting in the moment, resting in the truth, resting in the confidence that God is your provision.”

-Robin Bertram

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curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalms 98

John 15:9-17

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

SENIOR RECOGNITION/SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

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ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: Matt Bishop; Sermon: Rev. Katie Styr

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE "Ciaconne" Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE "Arioso" J.S. Bach

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise, all you people.

We will sing praises to God, our creator.

Let the sea roar, and the hills sing for joy.

For God is here today as we worship!

Everyone here is God's child, part of our church family.

Let us worship with thanksgiving and praise!

***HYMN** "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" SUO GAN



1. Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris - en where hope died,
2. Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
3. Christ has ris-en and for - ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
Christ has ris - en for the wom - en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer;
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up stairs room.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres-ent mak - ing us what he has been:

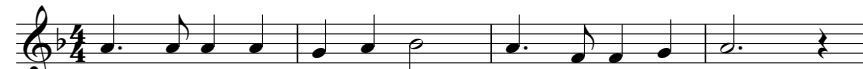


let the world con - firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
He whose word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

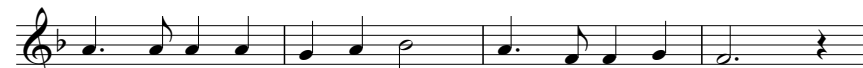
*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

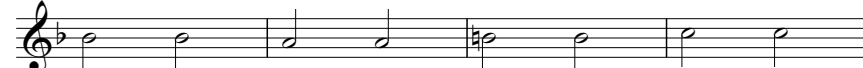
***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your love for us is unending and yet we struggle to commit. We look for easy answers when you call us to continue the hard work of change. We shy away from strangers when every person we meet is your beloved child. Gracious God, forgive us for our skittishness. Open our hearts to those around us, and help us to continue the everlasting work of loving your world. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with-out end, A - men, A - men.

ANTHEM 11:00 AM "The Call" from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Patrick Downing, baritone soloist

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 98:1-9 *The Old Testament page 551*
John 15:9-17 *The New Testament page 109*

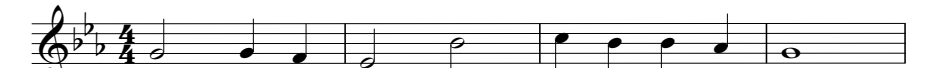
This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

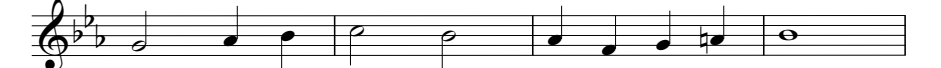
SERMON "Abiding Love"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** "Abide With Me" EVENTIDE



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see,
Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

9:00 AM "The Call" from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Patrick Downing, baritone soloist

11:00 AM "Nearer My God" Arr. Jürgen Knuth

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH, 592 in the hymnal



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures



here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;



Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Continued...