

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

## ***Welcome to worship***

\* \* \* *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* \* \* \*

## ***Gathering***

**Prelude**                      Prelude in D Major, BWV 532a                      J.S. Bach

## **Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Worship (Psalm 105;1-4)**

(8:30 a.m.) Jane Hallman  
(11:00 a.m.) Savannah Boswell

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.*

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the lord rejoice.*

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

◆ **Hymn 610**                      O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing                      AZMON

## **Call to Confession of Sin**

*Open our hearts and minds to your ways and your deeds, Jesus. Hear our need for your forgiving presence.*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

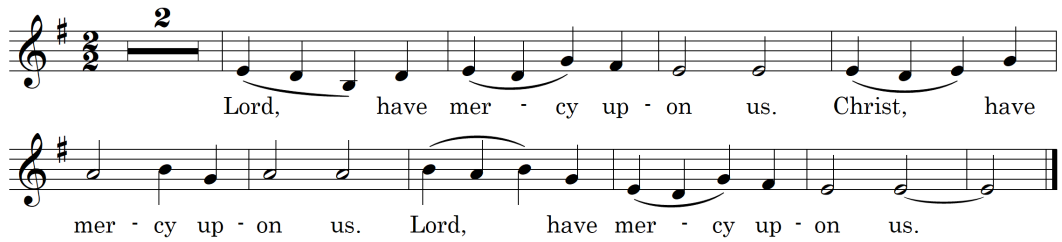
**Build in our hearts and minds an attitude of caring love, Jesus. We too often curse those we perceive as evil. In doing so we perpetuate evil with our self-righteousness. Help us to hold ourselves to higher standards - consistently seeking to exhibit and share your love. Amen.**

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

## Silent Confession

Kyrie (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David Johnson



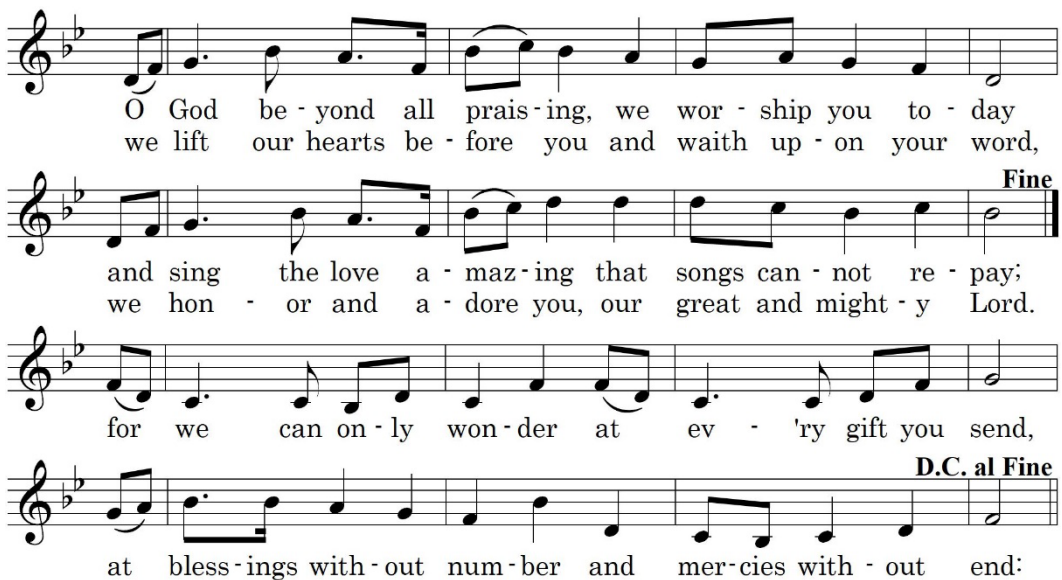
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Assurance of Pardon

*Jesus assured his disciples that wherever Jesus was, he would be with his disciples through the Holy Spirit.*

## ◆ Hymn of Praise

THAXTED



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and waith up - on your word,  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

## Time for Young Worshipers

### ◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

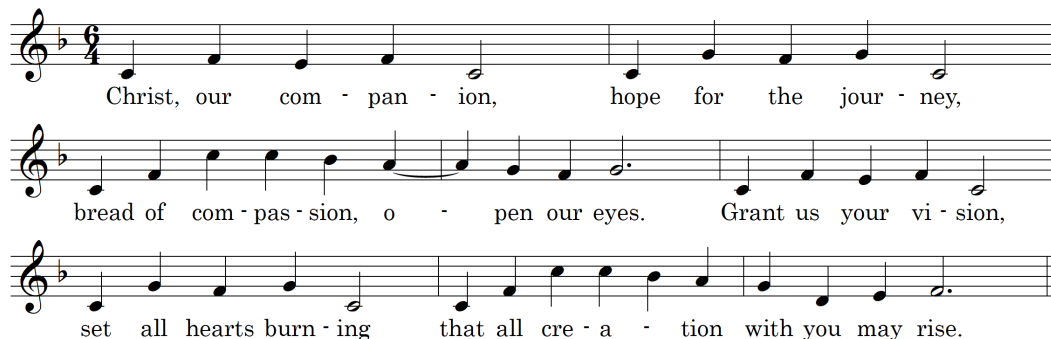
**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination (GTG 252)

RAABE



Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,  
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

### Reading from the Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 9:7-12

### Anthem

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

THIRD MODE MELODY

Text: Horatius Bonar

Chancel Choir

### Reading from the Gospels

John 14:1-7

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

*What Were You Saved For?*

Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle

Poem: "Invictus," by William Ernest Henley

## Our Response

### ◆ Hymn 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

### ◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

**The Christian finds parallels between other religions and our own and must approach all religions with openness and respect. Repeatedly God has used the insight of non-Christians to challenge the church to renewal. But the reconciling word of the gospel is God's judgement upon all forms of religion, including the Christian. The gift of God in Christ is for all people. The church, therefore, is commissioned to carry the gospel to all persons whatever their religion may be and even when they profess none.**

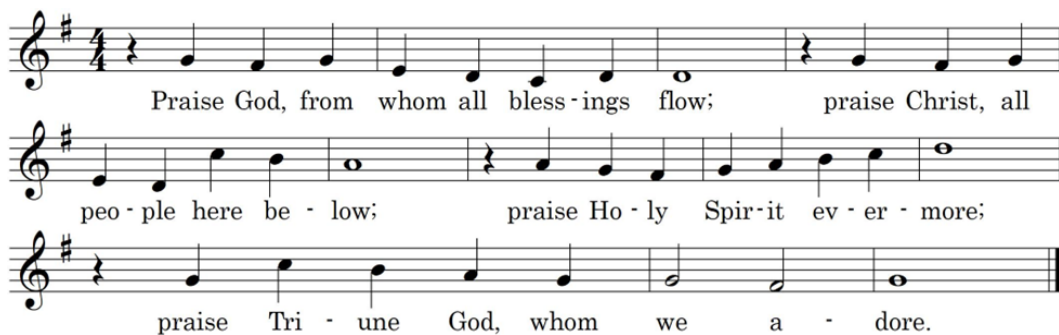
### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**      Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis      Gerald Near

◆ **Offertory Response** (GTG 608)      PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;      praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low;      praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the light of the world, for the Holy Spirit, which connects us, teaches us, inspires and consoles us so we might be a part of your loving and healing power in our lives and world.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 720**      Jesus Calls Us      GALILEE

◆ **Benediction**

**Postlude**      Fugue in D Major, BWV 532b      J.S. Bach

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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of April 14, 2024

## FPC This Week

- † **Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
Worship—8:30 & 11am  
Message: Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room  
Current Events Discussion—S.J. Lounge  
Worship livestreamed—11am
- † **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
Session Meeting—7pm
- † **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
Priscilla Circle\_9:15am  
Card Crafters Group—1pm  
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm  
Calvin Choir—4:45pm  
Wednesday All-Church Dinner—5:30pm  
Menu: “Tractor Meal”  
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm  
Topic: *Joseph* (Genesis 40 & 41)
- † **Thursday, April 18, 2024**  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
Ruth Circle—10am
- † **Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
Worship—8:30 & 11am  
Message: *Good Shepherd Sunday*  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room  
New Member Seminar—9:45am—S.J. Lounge  
Worship livestreamed—11am  
*A Festival of Music*—4pm

## Hymn Festival with Bruce Neswick



*This Joyful Eastertide*

Send the People’s Song through the roof this Easter season!



April 21, 2024 4 PM  
Sunday

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## All-Church Dinner Wednesday, April 17 @ 5:30pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> is recognized as *International Day of Farmer and Peasant Struggles* by the PC(USA). Farmers are the ones who feed the planet, but surprisingly, they are also among the poorest and hungriest people in the world. On Wednesday, we will pay homage to our farmer friends with a “tractor meal.”



- Meatloaf
- Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Taffy Apple Salad
- Pie & Homemade Ice Cream

### RETURN OF PRINT NEWSLETTER Deadline for Articles

We are initiating a quarterly “print” newsletter that will be mailed out to correspond with the different “seasons” of our church calendar. The deadline for the **next newsletter**, scheduled to come out in May, is Monday (April 15.) We will include items of interest or for activities that will be happening over the summer. Please submit your content by the end of the day.

### Forum@First Preventing Gun Violence

*“A mom fighting to protect her children was (is) way more powerful than a gun lobbyist fighting to protect gun manufacturers’ profits.”*

- Shannon Watts

**Tuesday, April 30  
7:30pm  
Social Hall**

# Church



# Family

## Congratulations

& Congratulations to Justin Rostad & Elizabeth Hougas on the birth of their daughter, Sydney James, on April 3. Her grandparents are Myron & Sue Rostad.

*Celebrating this week . . .*

## Anniversaries . .

♥ Jim & Jean Nuszloch

## Birthdays . . .

◆ Faith Evers; Char Higgins; Jerry Pruett; Roger Shepherd; Melbourne Grovesnor; Joyce Nelson; Will Zmolek; Heath Hesby; Amanda Holloway; Steven Orwoll; Karen Sessler; Lindsay Zetzsche; Alex Johnson; Mary Johnson & Tami Jones.

## Next Lunch Bunch



The next gathering for **Lunch Bunch** will be on **April 28** at *The Workshop* beginning at 12:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium if you plan to attend.



## Finally, What We Have Been Waiting For ... CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

**Picture directories are available** between and after the 11am service in the Atrium **today**. All individuals or family units who were photographed or submitted their photo to be included in the directory are entitled to a free copy. Other members can also pick up a directory (first come, first served) for a cost of \$7. The roster at the back of the directory includes address and contact information for our full membership. When you pick up your directory, we ask that you confirm your personal contact information on record and let us know your preferred method(s) of communication.



In John 14:18 we hear the words Jesus shared with the disciples at the Last Supper: "I am coming to you" — words meant to inspire comfort, reassurance; for with these words, we know Jesus will always be at our side. This is the hope and inspiration that carries us forward and is fundamental to our faith. The Pentecost Offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start, a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime. Through our gifts, we are able to tell the story of our God, who is always there for us, coming to us.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian  
Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands  
Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host  
Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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