



Service For The Lord's Day

May 28, 2017

****Those who are able, please stand.***

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope and celebration in this hour spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person. Note those who worship with you so that you might greet them by name.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The reign of God is being restored among us. The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us. God cares for us and supports us day by day. In all we do and say, God is present. Go now to share that love to strengthen others. Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Aaronson

INTROIT

"Song of Zechariah"

arr. Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name. Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

All: **God is ruler over all creation. God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

Leader: Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over all. Listen to hear God's mighty voice.

All: **This sanctuary is filled with God's presence. Here we receive power and strength from God.**

Leader: Here we pray together for God's guidance. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

All: **God draws us together as one people. We can experience eternity in the midst of time.**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

We worship You with joy, holy God. Through times of trial and suffering, Your love has sustained us. You have restored our self-confidence when we floundered in doubt and fear. You have been our protector through the wilderness. Meet us now where we are. Pour out Your presence that we may be resources to one another, finding grace in Jesus Christ. May our worship honor You and equip us to serve You. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" No. 457
"Verses 1, 4 and 5"

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Jesus Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate Your presence with us. We forget to thank You when, by the power and strength You give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing Your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

O God, Who in Jesus Christ has called us into one body and invited us to share our lives and all we have with one another, let our time together this day provide a glimpse of eternal life. Let us know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent, that we may resist evil, discipline ourselves and be alert to opportunities You give us to witness and serve and extend Your reign among us. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35

ANTHEM "Tribute" arr. Vlad

CHILDREN'S TIME *(Afterward, children may go to early release. InSPIREd Kids and Voices may go to rehearsal).*

SECOND READING

Acts 1:6-8

SERMON

“Are We There Yet?”

Rev. Rusty Cowden

***HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 467

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...“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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERTORY

“Londonderry Air”

Keveren

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*In Unison*)

Thank You, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in You because we join You in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be Your name, O God! Amen.

***HYMN**

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

No. 536

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

POSTLUDE

“Battle Hymn”

Aaronson

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

WELCOME VISITORS! We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Warren, we invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

FPC VISION: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education and service.

FPC'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> – come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is fpcwarren@hotmail.com.

JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS . . . for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture and prayer and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us. *...let us walk in the light of the Lord* **Isaiah2:5**

HEARING DEVICES to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded this morning by **Virginia Hrinsin**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on WHKZ-1440 AM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our radio ministry costs approximately \$150.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet paper, dish soap and shampoo** for the month of **May**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

ROSEBUDS: One rosebud on the Communion table this morning announces the birth of Eli Matthew, to Lauren and Brandon McIntosh, born May 15, 2017. Eli is the grandson of Rick and Dotty Hope. The second rosebud announces the birth of Rocco James, to Brittany and Doug Muccio, born May 20, 2017. Rocco is the grandson of Susie and Gary Wireman.

ADULT STUDY: Today, Rusty will teach an adult study after worship titled “*A Brief Who’s Who of the Protestant Reformation*” It will be held in Badger Hall from 11:15 - 12:15.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED: The Church Office will be closed **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day.

VACATION: Kathie will be out of the office June 5 - 9. **Deadline** for both the June 4 and June 11 bulletins is **Tuesday, May 30**, at 10:00 am. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for 2017 FPC College Scholarships are now being accepted. Students must be active members of FPC and have completed or will be completing in 2017 one year of post-high school education in good academic standing. Application forms and instructions can be obtained in the Church Office. **Deadline** for submission is Monday, **June 12, 2017**. All eligible students are encouraged to apply!



2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, “Fly Away with Jesus”, will be held at FPC, June 26 – 30, from 6-8 pm. We are joining forces with Central Christian Church to present a week of VBS for our congregations and the community. Helpers are needed for various tasks. Please let Sue Dennis know if you are available to help one, two or all of the evenings. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

YOUTH SUNDAY/PENTECOST: Youth Sunday will be observed June 4. Join us for this special worship service. Please wear red, as it is the Day of Pentecost.

PENTECOST RECEPTION: Sunday, June 4, the Deacons will host a reception honoring the youth, choir and volunteers. Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall to say thank you for a job well done.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN: Someone is in the hospital; someone comes home from the hospital; someone is ill and needs a visit; someone needs a visit from the Pastor or there is a death to report. Do not assume that someone has informed us. It is much better to receive several calls than not to be notified.

THANK YOU: The Building and Grounds Committee sends out a huge and heartfelt Thank You to the many people who helped with the spring clean-up and the spreading of the mulch. A special Thank You goes out to Greg Herriman, who worked for many days and evenings doing all the trimming, edging and arranging for the mulch to be paid for and delivered. Special thanks to the generous anonymous members who paid for the mulch!

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM OUR USHERS AND GREETERS.

LAY READER:

Mary Kilpatrick

USHER CAPTAIN:

Wayne Johnson

GREETERS:

Jim and Debbie Ries, Marilyn Johnson

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM: *Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg*

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- Sun. May 28
- **Choir Rehearsal**..... 8:30 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **InSPIREd Choirs Rehearsal** 10:30 am
 - **Rusty's Class, B** 11:15 am



Mon. May 29 **MEMORIAL DAY - Church Office Closed**

- Tues. May 30
- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
 - Rev. Thornton's Bible Study, FH 12:00 pm
 - NA, MC & FH 7:00 pm

- Wed. May 31
- AA, MC 4:30 pm
 - MA, P 6:00 pm

- Thur. June 1
- **Prayer Talk, B** 8:30 am
 - **Bells** 7:30 pm

Fri. June 2 - **Church Office Closed at Noon** 12:00 pm

- Sun. June 4
- **Communion/2 Cents a Meal/Pentecost/Youth Sunday**
 - **Choir Rehearsal**..... 8:30 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **B&G, Church Growth and Mission Mtgs**..... 11:15 am
 - **Pentecost Reception** 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge



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