



Service For The Lord's Day

April 8, 2018

****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

You are sent into the world as a sign of God's love. Go forth, carrying God's peace to all you meet. You are commissioned as a bearer of God's forgiveness. Announce good news, sharing your testimony. The grace of Jesus Christ has been poured out on you. God ordains a blessing for you: life forevermore. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

"Praise His Greatness"

Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Leader: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season. We gather once more to testify to life.

All: **We declare to each other what we have experienced. In community we find the life God intends.**

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul. We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

All: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection. Christ is with us to renew our faith.

All: **We are here to testify to God's grace. We will share our story and ourselves.**

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

SECOND READING

I John 1:1-5

SERMON

“Complete Joy”

Rev. Rusty Cowden

***HYMN**

“Ode to Joy”

No. 464

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

“Resurrection Medley”

Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

We offer to You our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another’s needs and in serving the world in Christ’s name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that You are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

***HYMN**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

No. 368

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

POSTLUDE

“Joy Song”

Hayes

***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.

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.

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**

RADIO MINISTRY is funded this morning by **Nancy Hochadel**. 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, dish soap, shampoo and Kleenex** for the month of **April**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTERS – Today, we will write letters to persuade Congress to invest in programs that help overcome hunger and poverty. Handwritten letters are still the most effective way to make your voice heard in Washington, D.C. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship. Your help is greatly appreciated.

2¢-A-MEAL OFFERING - On the first Sunday of each month, the Deacons collect for the 2¢-A-Meal Offering. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad. **Collected on April 1, 2018: \$106.00! Thank You** to the **congregation** for your donations.

GRADUATES: If you have a student in high school or college who is graduating this year, please contact the Church Office. We are planning a special section in the SPIRE. Thank you.

FPC CRAFTERS meet the second Wednesday of the month in Badger Hall at 10:00 am. Join us as we work on lap quilts. All skill levels are welcome.

ADULT STUDY: Rusty will be leading an adult study, titled “A Very Brief Journey into the subject of ‘Christ and Culture’”, on April 22 after worship. It will be held in Badger Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CHART – The Sanctuary Flower Chart for 2018 is in the Church Office. Please reserve your date or dates now for 2018. Remember, you are able to have flowers on the Chancel, the Columbarium doors or both.

PENTECOST FAMILY CRAFTS: On Sunday, April 15, we will meet in Fellowship Hall, after worship, for crafts that will help us celebrate Pentecost. Strawberry shortcake will be provided afterwards.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – This year’s Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 11, 2018. Please mark your calendar and plan on a week of learning and fun!

2018 COVENANT GATHERING: Rooted and Grounded in Love. This year the Covenant Gathering will be held July 8 – 13 at the Geneva Retreat and Conference Center in Rochester, IN. Registration is now open! Join other Christians for Covenant Gathering in the rolling hills of north central Indiana. Discover and explore how we are blessed by God and how to share that blessing within your families, your churches and the world. Covenant Gathering is a little bit conference, a little bit vacation with facilities for all abilities!! Your registration includes food, lodging, classes and activities. Early Bird Discount, register before June 10 and save \$25 per person. Visit www.covenantgathering.com for more information or to register.



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

LAY READER:

Sarah Buzulencia

USHER CAPTAIN:

Aurelian (A.T.) Tanase

GREETERS:

Heidi Holk, Lynn Griffith III, Katylu Herriman

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

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- Sun, Apr. 8
- **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **InSPIREd Choirs** 10:30 am
 - **B&G, Mission, CE and Worship Meetings**..... 11:15 am
 - **Bread for the World Letters** 11:15 am
- Mon, Apr. 9
- **Women of Faith**..... 10:30 am
 - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
 - AA, MC..... 7:30 pm
- Tue, Apr. 10
- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
 - Rev. Thornton Bible Study, FH 12:00 pm
 - Relay Meeting, FH..... 6:00 pm
 - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
- Wed, Apr. 11
- SOPHIA 10:00 am
 - **Crafters, B**..... 10:00 am
 - AA, MC 6:30 pm
 - **Chimes**..... 7:00 pm
 - **Bells** 7:30 pm
- Thur, Apr. 12
- **Prayer Talk, FH** 8:30 am
- Sun, Apr. 15
- **Choir Rehearsal**..... 8:30 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **Pentecost Crafts, FH**..... 11:15 am



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