



Service For The Lord's Day

Communion Sunday/2^d-1-M^oral Offering

May 6, 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

Friends of Christ, carry God's love into the world. You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. Sing of the victory of self-giving friendship. Witness to the saving power of love. God judges the world with righteousness. Our efforts are accepted with steadfast faithfulness. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Hine/Rice

"Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great Thou art? How great Thou art."

INTROIT

"We Come with Joy"

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

All: We come in response to the One Who calls us. We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

Leader: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

All: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

Leader: Sing a new song to God, Who does marvelous things. Obey God's commandments with thanksgiving.

All: We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world.

***HYMN**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

No. 516

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Eat the Bread as you are served; hold the Cup - we will take together).

Communion music

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Bennard/Hayes

“So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.”

Prayer

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

OFFERTORY

“In the Garden”

Miles/Hayes

“And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.”

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In Unison)

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to Your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to You in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of Your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

***HYMN**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

No. 540

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“How Great Thou Art”

Hine

POSTLUDE

“Heavenly Sunlight”

Zelly/Cook/Hayes

“Heavenly sunlight, Heavenly sunlight flooding my soul with glory divine; Hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine.”

***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**

NOTES FROM MARK HAYES on the music selected for today... “Despite the changes in worship that occur in all churches all over the world, hymns and gospel songs – the music of our faith traditions – are alive and well and still very important to us. These old melodies and messages connect with us on a deeply emotional and spiritual level. They feed and nourish our souls.” To that end, as I offer these selections today, I invite you to find them in our hymnal and read the prose that accompanies these melodies; reflect on their messages of hope and salvation offered through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded this morning by **Marjorie Walker**. 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 **toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo, bar soap and 40 oz. laundry detergent** for the month of **May**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

VBS HELPERS: A Vacation Bible School depends on volunteers. Whether you can help set-up on June 10, work a day or two or the whole week - it doesn’t matter. What matters is that VBS is a success with your help. To volunteer anytime during the week of June 10, please call or text Sue Dennis at 330-392-4385.

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.

SENIOR FOLLIES: Church Growth is sponsoring a night at TNT, Saturday, **May 19**, to see our very own Jackie Shannon in the play, **SENIOR FOLLIES**. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hall outside the Sanctuary, and the deadline is May 13. The cost is \$6.00 for the play with Church Growth paying the difference. Contact Chuck Chalker with questions at 330-883-5927.

THE NEXT ISSUE of The Steeple People will be included with the June **SPIRE**. Deadline for the June issue of Steeple People will be Monday, May 21, 2018. Please include information about those grads! ...And don't forget those book suggestions for summer reading! Turn in all information to the Steeple People mailbox in the outer office or email to Sue Kindelberger at SueAKind@aol.com.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Youth Sunday will be observed May 13, 2018, Mother's Day. Join us for this special worship service followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for 2018 FPC College Scholarships are now being accepted. Students must be active members of FPC and have completed or will be completing in 2018 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 11, 2018**. All eligible students are encouraged to apply!

RELAY FOR LIFE: The American Cancer Society's Relay-for-Life will be held at **Courthouse Square on May 11-12, 2018, from 6:00 pm Friday until 6:00 pm Saturday**. Join with us to support the FPC Relay-for-Life team by signing up to walk, sponsoring someone, donating food for walkers or purchasing a "Luminary" for the remembrance ceremony on Friday night. The Relay table will be open, in Fellowship Hall, each Sunday after worship for sign-ups.

SECRET PAL BIRTHDAY PARTY: The wait is almost over. On Sunday, May 20, we will gather at 11:15 in Badger Hall to meet your Secret Pal and exchange birthday gifts, enjoy cake and fun with your new friend. Anyone who cannot make it on May 20, please call Sue Dennis as soon as possible at 330-392-4385.

SPINGING INTO A FRESH START: For the Deacons' May mission project we will collect **children's underwear, t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts with elastic waist and sweatpants** for Children's Services. The agency has been getting more children because of the opioid crisis. When the children arrive, they frequently have not been cared for and need a shower and a new clean outfit to wear before they are picked up by foster parents. For flexibility, please choose t-shirts and sweats that can be given to either a boy or girl. All sizes are welcome, but middle school age or younger sizes are most needed.

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

LAY READER:

Mary Kilpatrick

USHER CAPTAIN:

Wayne Johnson

GREETERS:

Marilyn Johnson and Linda Heckman

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Robert Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

	Communion/2¢-A-Meal Offering	
Sun, May 6	- Choir Rehearsal.....	8:30 am
	- Sunday School	9:00 am
	- Worship.....	10:00 am
	- Pentecost Crafts.....	11:15 am
	- B&G, Church Growth and Mission Meetings.....	11:15 am
Mon, May 7	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- AA, MC.....	7:30 pm
Tue, May 8	- Al-Anon, MC	9:30 am
	- Rev. Thornton Bible Study, FH	12:00 pm
	- NA, MC.....	7:00 pm
Wed, May 9	- SOPHIA	10:00 am
	- Crafters, B.....	10:00 am
	- AA, MC	6:30 pm
	- Chimes.....	7:00 am
	- Bells	7:30 pm
Thur, May 10	- Prayer Talk, FH	8:30 am
Fri, May 11	- Relay for Life.....	6:00 pm
Sat, May 12	- Relay for Life	
Sun, May 13	- Mother's Day/Youth Sunday	
	- Choir Rehearsal.....	8:30 am
	- Sunday School	9:00 am
	- Worship.....	10:00 am
	- InSPIRED Choirs	10:30 am
	- CE and Worship Meetings	11:15 am

VACATIONS: Rusty and Kathie will be on vacation May 7 – 12. Call the office if you need Pastoral care during this time.

Rev. Rusty Cowden
Pastor

Melanie A. Vlad
Director of Music Ministry

Kathie Trowbridge
Administrative Assistant

David Skipper
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