

APRIL 3, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we strive to “above all, love.” As we worship God together, we pray that you will experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that he will sustain you in the week ahead. A special welcome goes out to you if you are visiting. If you are with us for the first time, stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to find out about the many opportunities available to you in the life of our congregation. We hope you will worship with us again next Sunday.

We invite you to sign the Friendship Register, which you will find at the center aisle of each pew. As you pass it to others in your pew, note who is sitting near you, so you may greet them by name. Please note that hearing aids and large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Maps showing available parking are in the racks in the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome, and encouraged to participate in worship. Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available from the ushers.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God’s grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.



Leading Us in Worship Today:

Kelsey Wallace, *Christian Education Assistant*
Greg Stovell, *Pastor*
Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*
Joyce Chen, *Organist*
Jane Waddington, *Assistant Organist*

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMES – A call to stillness

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ORGAN PRELUDE

Easter Hymn Preludes

arr. Robin Dinda

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God’s deeds among the nations!

Let us sing to God with joyful songs.

(Psalm 105:1-5)

By God’s great mercy we have been born anew through Christ’s resurrection (1 Peter 1:3)

O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before our Creator.

***HYMN #254**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Puer Nobis Nascitur

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we ignore the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE**

Meineke

“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen, Amen.”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-13, 18-19

Old Testament, Page 672

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

Offertory Alleluia W.A. Mozart
Jane Waddington, organ; Julie Claeys, piano

*Offertory Response Old Hundredth
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:11-18 New Testament, Page 114

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from Sermon Series: *Called* - part 8

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***HYMN #33** "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" Llanfair

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Worthy Is The Lamb/Amen G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*

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ORGAN PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F major

J. S. Bach
Germany, 1685-1750

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #250, vs. 1,
"In the Bulb There is a Flower" Promise*

After worship, parents may pick up children at their classroom.

Lower level: Nursery rm 5, Pre-K rm 6, K-1 rm 10, Gr 2-3 rm 14, JAM in Social Hall.

Upper level: Gr 4-5 room 214B, Confirmation 209, Middle Sch 210, Sr High 216.

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THE OFFERTORY

Offertory "Abide with Me" Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)
arr. Brian L. Hanson

"Abide with me, O Lord, abide.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Lord, abide.

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes.

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies!

*Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."*

The Choral Scholars:

Monica Vera, soprano; Sarah Dungan, mezzo-soprano;

David Beech, tenor; Michael Magglio, baritone

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*HYMN #235 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" O Filii Et Filiae

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CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen."*

ORGAN POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D John Stanley
England, 1712-1786

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Our sympathy and prayers are with:

Jim and Marilyn Serum and family, in the death of Jim's sister.

The Chancel Flowers are to the Glory of God and are given by:
Mary Tyson, in memory of her parents, Hazel & Allen Smedley.

Easter Sunday, lilies were given by Ruth Spencer and Nancy Ninos
in honor of their parents and loved ones.

Ushers

8:00 a.m. – Bill Benson, *Head Usher*; Charles Haverstraw

9:00 a.m. – George Zumbano, *Head Usher*; Doug and Sandy Bracher,
Doug and Beth Congdon Martin

10:30 a.m. – Steve Tuttle, *Head Usher*;

Coffee and Flower Deacons today: Debbie Pot and Nancy Ohms

*Rev. Steve Clark is traveling to South Africa as part of a Donegal Presbytery delegation to
explore our Presbytery's partnership with the Mthatha Presbytery.
He will be back in church on April 13.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

• **Director of Christian Education:** Personnel Committee is also excited to announce that we have begun a search for a new position – a part-time Director of Christian Education! This position will work to motivate and inspire children to engage in learning that will strengthen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen the knowledge of their Christian faith. This position is also now posted (go to www.firstpreswc.com), and we welcome your referrals of candidates for the position! Please send resumes to scark@firstpreswc.com.

• **Youth Director:** The Personnel Committee is incredibly grateful to Cole Seaman and Kelsey Wallace who have been serving as Interim Youth Leaders since September and have done a superb job of making sure our Youth program has continued to flourish, following Jackie Lerch's departure to a church closer to her home. We are pleased to announce that we have formed the search committee who will find our next full-time Youth Director and we welcome your referrals of candidates for the position! The Youth Director oversees a ministry that seeks to help every 6th through 12th grade student at First Presbyterian make steps toward a deeper maturity in Christ. This position is also now posted (please check it out at www.firstpreswc.com); please send resumes to scark@firstpreswc.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

• **BRIDGE ADULT CLASS THIS WEEK:** “*The Story of Greg: An Adventure With God*”, will take place 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 209. Pastor Greg Stovell will share his spiritual autobiography, reflecting on how Christ has worked in his life over the years, even (*and maybe especially*) when he wasn’t fully aware. He will also invite participants to consider how they have experienced the Lord’s presence in their own lives. No pre-registration required..

CAREGIVING

• **Presbyterian Women is sponsoring a special Local Mission Project** during the months of March and April for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. The families, that this organization services, really need new twin size bed comforters, bath towels, washcloths, and gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kmart, Giant, and Shop-Rite right now. There is also a list of other items hanging on the PW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please place donated gift cards in an envelope marked Domestic Violence Center, and give it to Dory Speer or Karen Goldstein. If Dory and Karen are unavailable, slip the envelope through the slot in Karen’s door. There are two blue plastic bins under the PW Bulletin Board for the non-gift card items. Thank you for your support. We look forward to making two deliveries to the DVCCC, the first at the end of March, and again at the end of April. If you have any questions, please e-mail Debbie Pot at dpot34@gmail.com or call 610-429-9076.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

Please note: parent/responsible adult presence required at all family friendly events.

• **The Bridge Dinner** – Join us as Nancy Berg and friends make us a beautiful ham dinner with a side of macaroni & cheese.. Salad bar and dessert will be available as well. Vegetarian option also available. If you are interested in cooking a Bridge dinner, please contact Jennifer Rosenberg at jrosenberg@firstpreswc.com. For reservations, contact Nakeya Hovington at nhovington@firstpreswc.com, or call the church office to be connected to her voicemail by 12:00 noon on Monday.

• **PUB THEOLOGY Comes to West Chester:** Join the conversation 7:00-9:00 p.m. this Tuesday, April 5, at the Boxcar Brewpub (142 E Market St, West Chester) for stimulating and thoughtful conversation about God and life and faith. We’ll share our thoughts over food and drink, with no pressure to come (or leave) with the “right” answers. You’ve got questions, we’ve got... *time to hear them*, and think together about the answers we discover (which sometime lead to even better questions). No reservations needed, no cost to attend; participants pay for their own food and beverages. Invite a friend or three and join the conversation! Contact Pastor Caroline Cupp if you’d like more information. (*Pub Theology is sponsored jointly by our own Congregational Life & Membership Committee, along with Westminster Presbyterian. Pub Theology will also meet May 3 and June 7.*)



go to www.firstpreswc.com to sign up

• **SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2016 CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY:** First Pres is partnering with Lifetouch to create our next church directory and we need your help. We need for you to let us know a time that will be convenient for you (and your family) to have your picture taken. There are two convenient ways to sign-up:

1. Beginning next Sunday, there will be a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall. Sign up during Sunday social (*coffee ½ hour*), or on Wednesday evenings, during the Bridge.
2. The online sign-up is available right now from a link on the First Pres website. Simply click on the portrait sign-up image, or the Sign Up drop down from the menu bar, and follow the instructions when the sign-up window appears.

Church members will need to consider what day and time they wish to schedule for their photo session. The scheduled photo session dates to choose from are:

- May 31** (Tuesday, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)
- June 1-3** (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)
- June 4** (Saturday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
- June 14-17** (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)
- June 18** (Saturday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
- June 21-24** (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)
- June 25** (Saturday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

We will have one photographer on site, and each session will be 10 minutes, so prompt attention to your sign-up window is very much appreciated. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8”x10” photograph, and a free copy of the full church directory, just for coming. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for yourself, your family, and your friends. Go to www.firstpreswc.com, to begin the sign-up process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

• **TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY:** Please visit the Presbyterian Woman's *Tree of Honor and Memory* to support Church World Service's blanket program during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. \$5 entitles you to honor a loved one or memory of a loved one with a beautiful leaf on our tree.

• **West Chester Area Senior Center** is looking for some volunteer marshals to help during the 7th Annual Great Race event on Saturday, May 7. Your involvement consists of monitoring the pathway that surrounds the Senior Center and guiding the runners and walkers in the proper direction. Most commitments require a fractional part of an hour.

If you can help, please contact Joe Mobile who is coordinating the volunteers. He can be reached at 610-696-4990 and/or jmobile@pahousegop.com or contact Thom Clapper prior to April 28 for additional information at psuthom@verizon.net or 610-436-5667.

• **Stop Hunger Now - 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 29 through 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30.** Sign up to participate in this unprecedented 24-hour event at <http://bit.ly/1PYSrXf> or www.firstpreswc.com (click in the scrolling announcements on the right side) There remain 425 openings out of 771 possible including 3 leader 2-hour time slots. Questions, contact Dory Speer, dspeer@firstpreswc.com.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

• **The 65th annual National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, 6:45 a.m.,** will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. Gather for a light breakfast and to pray for our nation and our leaders.

Sermon Notes

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY – April 3

PW BLANKET SUNDAY

- 8:00am Worship
- 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)
- 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2; Sunday School for all ages; Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream;
- 10:30am Confirmation Class
- 10:30am Worship; Baptisms; Nursery to age 2; JAM age 3-Grade 5
- 4:00pm Sr High & Middle School Youth Group

MONDAY – April 4

- 7:15am Worship Committee (off site)
- 7:00pm Congregational Life & Membership; Spiritual Connections
- 8:02pm Trustees

TUESDAY – April 5

- 10:00am Faith Community Nurses Office Hours
- 5:30pm Men's Ministry Studies - Mars Group
- 7:00pm Pub Theology (off site)
- 7:30pm Men's Ministry Studies

WEDNESDAY – April 6

BRIDGE

- 9:00am Sew Many Blessings; Sermon Talk
- 9:30am Praise Circle
- 10:00am Bulletin deadline
- 4:30pm Cherub Choir
- 5:00pm Celebration Singers; Cherub Club
- 5:30pm Bridge Dinner
- 6:15pm Youth Singers
- 6:30pm Bridge Bible Study; BridgeKidz; Youth Bible Study
- 7:30pm Chancel Ringers

THURSDAY – April 7

- 9:45am Adult Study "Called"
- 6:30pm JuBellation Ringers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir; Middle School Bible Study (off site)

FRIDAY – April 8

- 6:00am Men's Study Groups
- 1:00pm Sweet Dreams
- 5:00pm Youth Lock-In

SATURDAY – April 9

SUNDAY – April 10

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

- 8:00am Worship
- 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)
- 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2; Sunday School for all ages; Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream
- 10:30am Worship; Baptisms; Nursery to age 2; JAM age 3-Grade 5
- 11:30am Youth Committee mtg.
- 4:00pm Sr High & Middle School Youth Group

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First Pres on Facebook

Keep up with your church family at www.facebook.com/firstpreswc

This is Blanket Sunday



\$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a tornado or other disaster.



\$110 can provide an emergency food package for a family of five for one month.



\$200 can provide 20 mosquito nets to help keep families safe from the bite of mosquitos and the illnesses they bring.



\$1,000 can equip a village well with a pump and provide hygiene training.