

APRIL 10, 2016  
THIRD 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.

**C**hildren 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:

Greg Stovell, *Pastor*  
Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*  
Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*  
Lee Dettra, *Guest Organist*  
Jane Waddington, *Assistant Organist*

*Cover art is “St Matthias”, by Peter Paul Rubens (c. 1611), painted during his Antwerp period (1608-1618). It hangs in the Museo del Prado in Madrid, Spain. Rubens was the embodiment of Flemish baroque style, that emphasized movement, colour, and sensuality.*

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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#### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

**CHIMES** – A call to stillness

*Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Partita on *Now The Green Blade Riseth* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Listen! God is calling!

Can you hear it?

**God is calling us to turn away from self-interest;  
to put down the things that distract us,  
to take up our cross,  
to worship, to follow.**

**Let us answer God’s call.**

**\*HYMN #65** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM Rhondda

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (responsively)

When we do not listen to your voice in the depths of our own hearts,  
calling us to love and forgive:

**Lord have mercy.**

When we do not listen to your voice in our common life,  
calling us to welcome the stranger and create community:

**Christ have mercy.**

When we do not listen to your voice in our world,  
calling us to work for justice and to make peace:

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**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and grant us your peace. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsively)

The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips.  
In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new,  
and our future of hope is restored.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*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** (responsively)

based on Ephesians 4:1-16

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

**The hope in our lives is Jesus.**

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**The call we must answer is God's.**

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

**The Lord of our lives is Jesus.**

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

**The creator who calls us is God.**

We are one body, one family, one church,

**woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.**

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

**we are one body in unity and love.**

**This we believe.**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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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**

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Offertory

"Canticle of Creation"

Hart Morris

based on the tune *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

The Chancel Ringers

\*Offertory Response

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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\*Prayer of Dedication

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 1: 12-26

New Testament, Page 118

**SERMON**

"Matthias: Called, by the God of Small Things"

Dr. Stovell

from Sermon Series: *Called* - part 9

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN #23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Pleading Savior

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

March

G.F. Handel

from *Judas Maccabaeus*

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Eastertide Chorale Preludes

J. S. Bach

Germany, 1685-1750

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #418, vs. 1,  
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

'Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.'

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, 'O sinner, come home.'"

*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.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Job 38:1-11, 39:1-4 Old Testament, Page 484

**ANTHEM** "Bright Morning Stars" Kentucky Folk Hymn  
arr. Jay Althouse

*"Bright morning stars are rising; day is breaking in my soul.*

*O where are our dear fathers? They are in the valley praying. Day is breaking in my soul.*

*O where are our dear mothers? They have gone to heaven a-shouting. Day is breaking in my soul."*

The Chancel Choir

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\***HYMN #377** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Houston

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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** Toccata on *O Filii et Filiae* Lynwood Farnam  
United States, 1885-1930

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The rosebuds are to the Glory of God and in honor of:  
Bailey Courtney Guerriero, born April 1, 2016, daughter of Tara and Michael Guerriero,  
and  
Graham Newbury Cady, born March 25, 2016, son of Josh and Julie Cady.

The Chancel Flowers are to the Glory of God and are given by:  
Sam and Joan Blackmore, in honor and appreciation of their families; and  
Diane Marino, in honor of Elaine Cook's 90th birthday, and in memory of Russ Marino.

**Ushers**

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

**9:00 a.m.** – Art Massey, *Head Usher*

**10:30 a.m.** – Bob Bird, *Head Usher*; Marilyn Buckler, Judy Bachman,  
Allen & Carol Thomas

**Coffee Deacons today:** Bob Graham and Tom Hoover

**Flower Deacons today:** Jim and Patty Sylvester

*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

### 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.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Raising Generous Children:** Next Sunday, April 17, children ages 3 - 5th grade will be participating in a new program during Sunday School and JAM called Raising Generous Children. This program was developed by a team at First Pres to help nurture the awareness, understanding, and practice of disciplined generosity. Children will be presented with a *Widow's Offering* drama, (led by the some of their very own Sunday School teachers!), and will discuss the importance of joyful giving. The program will provide a structure for weekly offerings to be collected in Sunday School and JAM; creating a standardized routine throughout all Sunday School classes, including Middle and High School. A prayer, song, and scripture verse will be recited each week and resources will be provided to parents to help explain the program and how to become involved in radical generosity. All offerings will be given to a mission partner selected by our Youth and presented in front of the congregation at the end of the Sunday School year. We hope to see you next week in Sunday School!

### ADMINISTRATION

- **Director of Christian Education:** Personnel Committee continues to accept applications. This position is posted online (go to [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com)), and we welcome your referrals of candidates for the position! Please send resumes to [sclark@firstpreswc.com](mailto:sclark@firstpreswc.com).
- **Youth Director:** Personnel Committee continues to accept applications for this position. Job description and qualifications for this position are posted online (go to [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com)); please send resumes to [sclark@firstpreswc.com](mailto:sclark@firstpreswc.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH

- **Youth Flower Sale & Caregiving Opportunity:** Please visit the flower table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 17 to pre-order flowers for personal use, gift giving or delivery to one of our homebound members by our youth and adult visitors. Online orders are being taken through the church website.



### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- **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](mailto:jmobile@pahousegop.com) or contact Thom Clapper prior to April 28 for additional information at [psuthom@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dspeer@firstpreswc.com).

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

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

- **The Bridge Dinner** – Team Beckman returns with another South of the Border favorite...TACOS. 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](mailto:jrosenberg@firstpreswc.com). For reservations, contact Nakeya Hovington at [nhovington@firstpreswc.com](mailto:nhovington@firstpreswc.com), or call the church office to be connected to her voicemail by 12:00 noon on Monday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Coffee!** Our new coffee system is up and running! Please stop by Fellowship Hall between services to enjoy a hot cup of hand roasted, specially brewed coffee sourced from Guatemala. We are now using local roasters who are able to supply coffee blends that originate from Guatemala where we also have mission partners. Look for our two serving stations available for your convenience. Enjoy!



**go to [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com) to sign up**

• **SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2016 CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Stop by the Lifetouch sign-up table in Fellowship Hall or go to [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com), to begin the process. You'll need to pick a day and time that best fits your schedule. The scheduled photo session dates to choose from (*first come, first served*) 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.)

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.

• **Additional Directory Support Needed:** You may have noticed from the schedule above, that Lifetouch will be here for 15 7-hour days. We will be looking for some volunteers to help with manning the registration table in Fellowship Hall on those days. If you have the time, and would be willing to help, please contact Brian Claeys at [bclaeys@firstpreswc.com](mailto:bclaeys@firstpreswc.com), or call the church office and ask for him.

• **Looking For Photos:** If you've taken some particularly engaging photographs over the past 3 or 4 years, that say more about the life of First Pres than a thousand words ever could, please send them along to [bclaeys@firstpreswc.com](mailto:bclaeys@firstpreswc.com), or drop them off at the church office. We'll be selecting as many as we can to include in the *yearbook/activities* section of the church directory.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY** – April 10  
**BLOOD PRESSURE 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 Worship; Nursery to age 2; JAM age 3-Grade 5  
 11:30am Youth Committee mtg.

**MONDAY** – April 11  
 2:00pm Peace Circle (off site)  
 6:00pm Deacon Outreach Committee  
 7:00pm Personnel Committee; Grace Circle (off site)

**TUESDAY** – April 12  
 10:00am Faith Community Nurses Office Hours  
 5:00pm Caregiving Committee; Bereavement Focus Grp  
 5:30pm Men's Ministry Studies - Mars Group  
 7:30pm Men's Ministry Studies

**WEDNESDAY** – April 13  
**BRIDGE**  
 9:00am Sew Many Blessings; Sermon Talk  
 9:30am Women's Study; Praise Circle (off site)  
 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  
 7:00pm Youth Ringers  
 7:30pm Chancel Ringers  
 7:40pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

**THURSDAY** – April 14  
 9:00am Hope Circle  
 6:30pm JuBellation Ringers  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir; Middle School Bible Study (off site)

**FRIDAY** – April 15  
 6:00am Men's Study Groups  
 1:00pm Sweet Dreams

**SATURDAY** – April 16  
 10:00am Youth Choirs and Fellowship rehearsal for Youth Sunday

**SUNDAY** – April 17  
**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 8:00am Worship  
 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)  
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 7:00pm Candle Chant Worship

*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](http://www.facebook.com/firstpreswc)*

# Medical Clinic in Guatemala



Our sisters and brothers at Getsemani in Guatemala have a wonderful Community Medical Clinic ministry. Access to quality health care and medicine in Guatemala is very limited with many people having never seen a doctor. The Deacons at Getsemani provide up to four Medical Clinics per year with three being in their community and one at a remote location. The clinics are promoted and open to everyone. Already this year they have had two medical clinics for deworming children and adults. They handed out vitamins and other medicines they need.

The first clinic was with a group of children for which Getsemani Church has responsibility. They meet in the home of a family of the church every month and are given a biblical teaching and snack. The group has been growing and they hope in God that the seeds of the Gospel are sown and germinate in the families of these children. The second clinic was at the Port of San Jose Escuintla where they served twenty families.



First Pres helps supports this tremendous ministry of Getsemani through prayer, financial contribution, and sending of over-the-counter medicines each year. If you are interested in learning more about our partnership with Getsemani contact Elizabeth Guman ([ecguman@gmail.com](mailto:ecguman@gmail.com)) or Jim Austin ([judyandjimaustin@verizon.net](mailto:judyandjimaustin@verizon.net)).

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