

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - (8:45) Sheila Hammer, (11:00) Dan Fricke  
\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Michael Galloway, (11:00) Dana White  
Acolyte - Bailey Romine (11:00)

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by Sharon McClure in loving memory of her husband, Ken McClure

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for our Easter Sunday services, in honor or memory of someone, please complete the order form and turn it in no later than Sunday, April 9, 2017.

### Today's Schedule - April 2

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir  
9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. - Faith Builder's Spring Fling  
6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper

### Monday

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

### Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes  
5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall  
6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting

### Saturday - April 8

10:00 a.m. L.I.F.E. Youth - Set up "Rise Up with Jesus"  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Family Easter event - "Rise Up with Jesus" and Easter Egg Hunt

### Next Sunday, Palm/Passion Sunday - April 9

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir  
9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)  
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12:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## THOSE WHO SERVE

*Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor*  
*Casey McCollough—Director of Music*  
*B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician*  
*Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant*  
*Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus*



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

*We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

### STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

#### VOLUNTARY

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

J. Bert Carlson

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*How Lovely, Lord*  
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

Hopson

#### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Philippians 1:2, John 11:25-26*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **And also with you.**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

#### \*HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

*Glory Be to the Father*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

*Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.*

YOUTH MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 806 OT)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 104 NT)

John 11:1-45

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*When Jesus Wept*  
Chancel Choir

Peter Paul Olejar

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary McBain

*At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their family in the sanctuary.*

\*HYMN 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SERMON

*How Dead Is Dead?*

Harry C. Meissner

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Michael W. Smith

Karen Carboni, Sarina Mayfield, Doris Villarreal  
accompanied by Andy Leake and Stephen Leake

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**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\*\*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 846

*Fight the Good Fight*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (11:00)

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*  
Chancel Choir

African American spiritual

VOLUNTARY

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Flor Peters