

First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.*
"See the Glory" *by Clark*

***The Opening Hymn #360 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

Welcome and Announcements

Ringin' Our Historic Church Bells

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L. Come, people of God. We serve a risen Lord who rules over history and is the originator and fulfillment of time. We live in the age of resurrection.

All: Jesus, Lord, Savior, Son of God, conqueror of the tomb, risen from the dead, ascending in glory to sit at the right hand of the Father — we proclaim you King of the world, confident that some day, at your name, every knee will bow!

The Anthem "Glory Hallelujah" *arr. by Fettke*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* Lord Jesus, the dark hour has passed. We approach your throne with confidence in this bright moment, the tomb empty, and you, Lord Jesus, risen. We confessed our sins at the foot of the cross, aware at last of the high price that was paid, and now in triumph we celebrate your victory and the forgiveness you have granted to us. May we live lives transformed by the new covenant. May we, through the manner of our living, draw all to you. We ask this in Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer

Children's Sermon

Offertory As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God's work at First Presbyterian Church

Offertory Music & Doxology #815

"I Live"

by Fettke

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading of Scripture *1 Corinthians 15: 19-26* p. 176

8:30: Jim Ribby

10:00: Paul Wonacott

***Hymn of Preparation #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

Second Reading
Sermon

John 20 1-18
"Holding On"

p. 115
Rev. Shafer

Hymn #369 "He Rose Triumphantly"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *(insert)*

***The Closing Hymn #368 "He Lives"**

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude "Finale Medley"

arr. by Madlin

[Thank you to Doug White, Julie Madlin, David & Debra McKeon for sharing their talent with us this morning.]

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THE SESSION

2010
Brenda Corner
Melvin (Mel) Matchett
Sarah Miller
Nancy Muhlig
Dale Wagner

2011
Brandon Darin
Peter (Pete) Eckardt
John Moore
Ramona (Mona) Nelson
Betty Tezak

2012
David Branding
William Clark
Susan Cook
Penny Novarro
John West

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2010
Shanna Branding
Mary Anne Frey
Denise Heeke
Eleanor (Ellie) Holdsworth
Adam Schuler

2011
Sandra (Sandy) Davids
Janet (Jan) Johnson
Leonard Orzechowski
Diane Thompson
Margaret (Marge) Weitschat

2012
Saundra Blackmore
Dianne Hall
Mark Haskell
Phyllis Staley
Cathy Weidman

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2010
James (Jim) Goodall
Donald (Don) Shurte
Peter (Pete) VanDenBerge
Kenneth (Ken) Weitschat
Harry Widman

2011
Loyal Cobb
Jane Croftchik
Charlene Hansen
Jonathan (Jon) Heeke
Richard (Dick) Schurch

2012
Mark Blackmore
Thomas Calkins
Kenneth Cook
James (Jim) Mottern
David West

PASTOR EMERITUS
The Rev. Dr. Daniel K. Herlein

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

GREETERS 8:30
GREETERS 10:00
USHERS 8:30

Jean Sheehan
Stan and Betty Holzhauer
Mark and Ronnie Blackmore
Tom and Diane Thompson
David and Shanna Branding
Myrta Keelan and Tici Shafer

USHERS 10:00

TODAY, April 4

Easter & Communion Sunday

- 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service @ Lighthouse
- 7:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast in FH
- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
No MS Youth @ LH
No HS Youth @ LH

MONDAY, April 5

No Confirmation @ LH

TUESDAY, April 6

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise
- 7:00 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH

WEDNESDAY, April 7

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @t LH
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education MT
- 7:00 p.m. Youth MT @LH

THURSDAY, April 8

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Association

FRIDAY, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

SUN., April 11

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:05 a.m. Milestones Potluck & Workshops
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

MON., April 12

- 10:00 a.m. P.E.O. Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles Due
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation @ LH
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee

TUE., April 13

- 8:30 a.m. Building Committee in Multipurpose Room
- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise
- 2:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Team
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH

WED., April 14

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., April 15

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study

FRI., April 16

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Dillon Thompson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jean Herlein

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS Edith Crider, Omer Foret, Helen Gibbs, Elinor Herrmann, Earl Morrison, Vern Oxender, Cecil and Irene Smith.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Katie Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Jane Lund is scheduled to assist next week.

MASON'S PANCAKE BRUNCH at the Masonic Hall today from 9 to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7. Everyone is welcome!

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On Sunday, April 11, there will be a very important Congregation meeting at 11 a.m. for the purpose of electing the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). Members, it is very important that you attend.

SOUND BOARD TRAINING: There will be training session for persons interested in learning how to run the Sanctuary Sound Board on **Saturday, April 10, from 3 – 5 p.m.** We are looking for new folks who might want to explore this area of service to our church. You do not need prior experience to do this!! Nor is there an age requirement--high school students and older are encouraged to consider this. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Pete VanDenBerge (264-9551) or Judy Matchett (264-6377) for more information--or come to the meeting on Saturday, April 10.

PIANO MUSIC: Jean Herlein has done a second CD of piano music titled "This is My Father's World." It is for sale in the church office for \$4. The proceeds will benefit the Rapid City Food Pantry. Thank you.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: Free copies of this quarterly publication are available on the library table.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE thanks you for your willingness to deal with

the changes and the mess during construction of the new office area and enlargement of the narthex. We hope you are thrilled with the changes you see, and look forward to the completion scheduled for April. Please set aside May 2 for an Open House Celebration of our new and remodeled areas. Watch for details. If your curiosity can't wait, you are invited to drop by anytime and take a look at all the new spaces.

IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL, but thanks to your prayers we are going to make it. Thanks for the many visits and cards. We have a wonderful church family.

Stan Chilson

WANT MORE FREEDOM AND JOY? Did you know that there is joy and freedom when we put the needs of others ahead of our own? Stephen Ministry provides this kind of care, freedom, and joy. If you've ever thought about finding ways to bring Christ's love to those who are hurting, you need to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Contact any of our Stephen Leaders today: Pastor Sandy, 264-8167, Connie Clark, 264-5977, Charlene Hansen, 499-9702, Sue Johnson, 342-2666, or Pam Shuler, 599-2480.

TEDDY BEARS? Jim Lagowski is part of a flying group that delivers teddy bears to Munson emergency for injured or traumatized children. Do you have any at home you'd like to donate? They need to be clean and ready to handout to these children. Contact Jim (264-6489) if you have teddy bears to donate.

EXPANSION PROJECT: The interior work has been completed by our contractor. Some decorating and signage items remain that the Building Committee must complete. Remaining exterior work includes running a storm water line into a manhole in Spruce Street which according to Elk Rapids regulations cannot be done until after April 15. The committee expects to complete landscaping in May. Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your understanding and acceptance of our construction-related messes. These are being cleaned up ASAP.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

SHARING, GROWING, AND LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

This we seek to accomplish by

Introducing Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;

Deepening the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;

Demonstrating Christ's way of love in service to the world

SERMON POINTS

We live in the days of "resurrection" promise.

We are to hold on to our risen Lord like he has held on to us on the cross at Calvary.

The Good News witnessed on Easter is a promise of eternal life free of sin.

Death has been defeated in the victory of the Risen Christ.

Needed for VBS 2010

90 canisters

Crystal Light or off brand such as Spartan

We need the outside **CONTAINER** only
[**Not** the individual serving cup]

Example can be found in the Fellowship Hall

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus wishes that all come to His table, none are excluded, those who believe in Jesus are welcome along with those searching, and those needing the assurance Jesus gives.

OUR PERSONNEL RESPONSE

I come, not because I am strong, but because I am weak; I come, because I love the Lord, and would like to love him more; I come because God first loved me, and gave himself to me, in the person of my Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER *(unison)*

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of the virgin Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In his rising to life you promised eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread

in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.

With Thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

“Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. . . Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he was given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of the Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

L: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**P: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
As we await, Oh Lord, your
coming in glory!**

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

THE BREAD: Please wait until everyone has been served the Bread by the Elders and Deacons, after which the Pastor will lead us in partaking of the Bread together, symbolizing our oneness with each other in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CUP: Please drink of the Cup whenever you are personally prepared before the Lord to do so, symbolizing our individual and personal relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

YOUNG CHILDREN: Young children may receive Communion at the discretion of their parents who are asked to please explain the meaning of the Bread and Cup, and the sacred nature of the Sacrament. Parents should feel free to bring young children with them, even if the children are not receiving Communion.

OPEN COMMUNION: The Sacrament of Holy Communion in our church is open to all Christians who have confessed their sins before God, and, with God's help, intend to turn away from those sins, living in a way that is pleasing to God and of service to others.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit as Jesus taught us all to pray. 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.

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