

First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.*
Wonderful Words of Life setting by Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Youth Ministry

Ringling our Historic Church Bells

Nursery Children Sing (10 a.m.)

The Call to Worship (*responsive*) Logan Harthun

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, God's faithful ones.

P: For God's anger is but for a moment,

L: God's favor is for a lifetime.

P: O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing;

L: You have clothed us with joy!

P: O LORD, be my help.

L: So that we may praise you and not be silent,

P: O LORD our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

(Psalm 30: 4-5, 10-12)

***The Opening Hymns #188 and 189**

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children & Alleluia

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving Shepherd, you feed us through community and sacraments, by word and presence, in hope and grace. Forgive us when we neglect or even forget to feed the spirits, faith, and bodies around us. Restore us from where we have fallen or drifted to where you would have us stand and follow. Recall us to love, received and practiced, nurtured and poured out. For in your shepherding of us, we find our identity and vocation for the sake of those you would embrace through our arms and words of grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn # 161 *I Will Sing of the Mercies*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #631 *The Lord's Prayer*

(Led by the Sunday School Children 10 a.m.)

Children's Sermon (8:30 only)

Sunday School Children Singing (10 a.m.)

Presentation of Milestone Certificates (10 a.m.)

Offertory

Offertory Music *I Was Glad*

by Hallquist

*Doxology #815

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading of Scripture John 21: 1-14 [pg. 115 NT]

8:30 a.m. Jim Ribby

10 a.m. Kalee Cobb

*Hymn of Preparation #143 *This is My Father's World*

Second Reading John 21: 15-19

[pg. 116 NT]

Sermon *Feed My Lambs*

Rev. Murray

Affirmation of Faith (unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

*The Closing Hymn #179 *Awesome God*

*Greeting Each Other in Christian Love

*The Pastoral Benediction

The Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. by Dickens

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

John & LeRue Werner
Third Graders
Ron & Micky Kuite
Gary & Beth Serrell
Fourth Graders

USHERS 10:00

TODAY, April 18

Children's Ministry Sunday

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

MONDAY, April 19

5:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

TUESDAY, April 20

8:30 a.m. Building Committee
8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise

7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH
7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, April 21

6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
No Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Investment Committee

THURSDAY, April 22

8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, April 23

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
12:00 p.m. Session Packet Print

SATURDAY, April 24

6:00 p.m. Sat. Night Praise Service
at the Lighthouse

SUN., April 25

Youth Sunday

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

MON., April 26

TUE., April 27

8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise
10:00 a.m. Garden Club
3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH
7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

WED., April 28

6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Session

THU., April 29

8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRI., April 30

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del
5:00 p.m. Bachner/Lake [R]

SAT., May 1

2:00 p.m. Bachner/Lake [W] (FPC)

OUR ACOLYTES TODAY is 8:30 - Kennedy Reffitt, and 10 a.m. - Tommy Derks and Iain Ferguson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Klingler

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY Nels and Lynda Nichols on the death of Lynda's sister, Marilyn. Please keep Nels and Lynda in your prayers.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Kaitlin Eberle, Amy Russell and Nikii Brown are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie DeRosha and Jill Donberg are scheduled to assist next week.

PARISH NURSES will be taking blood pressures TODAY between the two services and after the 10 a.m. service in the library. Come and get your blood pressure taken!

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS, GREETERS, COFFEE CENTRAL HOSTS, AND TELLERS: We truly appreciate those men and women who volunteer to faithfully serve as ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. Thank you to those who come early for Coffee Central. Also, to the tellers who come in every Monday morning to count. Your faithfulness to this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please take time to thank these men and women for their important service to our church family.

PASTOR HAL will be on vacation and study leave starting Monday, April 19, through Sunday, May 2.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY TODAY-Please join us for Children's Ministry Sunday Celebration, between the services at Coffee Central. The Deacons will be providing cake for this wonderful occasion.

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL on Wednesday, April 21.

THE ELK RAPIDS AREA CHURCHES invite you to attend a prayer service for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, at 12:15 p.m. at the Elk Rapids Government Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)	Nursery Lower Level
Pre-K – Grade 5	Lower Level
Jr. & Sr. High	Lighthouse
Parenting Class	New Multipurpose Room
Adult Education	Office Conference Room

ON VACATION: Sandy Lake will be on vacation Monday, April 26, through Wednesday, May 5. Volunteers will be in the office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer the phone only. Please make arrangements ahead of time for anything that may need to be done during her absence.

NEW SPACE OPEN HOUSE: Please mark your calendar and set aside May 2 for the open house of our new office space and remodeled areas. The basic construction is complete, but we have yet to complete the landscaping, signage, and interior decorating which will all be coming soon. The open house will be between services and after second service but you are welcome to visit and see the new space at any time. Please stop in. *The Building Committee*

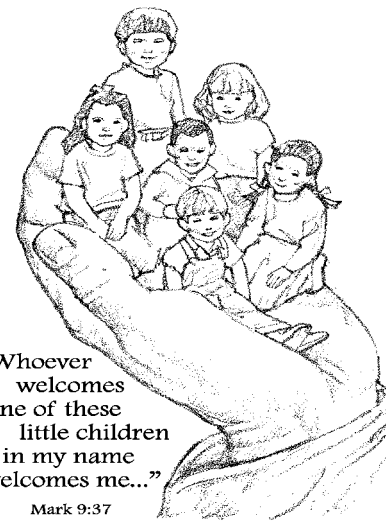
PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS are invited to knit in the library on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10 a.m. service. Shawl kits will be available for purchase (\$9 and \$12) or bring the one you are working on. The receivers of these beautiful shawls will know that they are wrapping themselves in prayers and love.

2010 CENSUS INFORMATION: If you did NOT receive the 2010 Census form because you have a post office box, you can contact the Census Bureau at 1-866-872-6868 and complete this information on the phone. They have operator taking this information.

BUDGET REPORT AS OF MARCH 2010

INCOME THROUGH MARCH.....	\$107,605
EXPENSES THROUGH MARCH.....	\$108,050
BUDGET THROUGH MARCH.....	\$118,500

Everyone is invited to be a part of a work team to repair, clean, and prepare Presbytery Point Camp for youth and family programs this summer. Cost is \$10 per person, per day for food and lodging. Information and registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall on the camp table or online at www.presbytery.org or www.presbymac.org/ministries. Please register by May 7, 2010.



Children's Church

The Christian Education Ministry team is looking for a wonderful person or persons to lead our Children's Church program for this summer.

Children's church is held during the 10 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. The children attend church with their parents/grandparents. After the Children's Sermon, children are excused for class, which meets in the lower level of the church.

Children 4 years old through the 5th grade enjoy a short lesson and activities prepared by the teacher.

Christian Education would be happy to help gather material or give guidance. We need someone to take the reigns and head this very important ministry. We would love to hear your ideas...don't be shy. Please call Pam Bekkering for further information at 264-8167.

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*