

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

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**The Prelude** *A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.*  
Grant Gilreath

## Welcome and Announcements

**Minute for Ministry:** Carol Sinclair

**Minute for Ministry:** Nancy Muhlig

**Minute for Ministry:** Youth

## Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

**\*The Opening Hymn (see insert)** *Shout to the Lord*

**The Call to Worship** (*responsive*) taken from Psalm 40:8-11 NCV

L: My God, you know my lips are not silent.

**P: Lord, give me the courage so I do not hide your goodness in my heart;**

L: My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart.

**P: Lord, give me the strength so I will tell about your goodness within my heart.**

L: My God, I want to speak about your loyalty and salvation.

**P: Lord, let me not selfishly hide your love and truth from others.**

L: My God, do not hold back your mercy from me;

**P: Lord, let your love and truth always protect me.**

**The Anthem** *You Raise Me Up* by Graham and Loveland  
Soloist: Travis Hall

## Prayer of Confession

**Assurance of Pardon:** Ephesians 4:7-10 (NCV)

Christ gave each one of us the special gift of grace, showing how generous he is. That is why it says in the Scriptures, "When he went up to the heights, he led a parade of captives, and he gave gifts to people. "When it says, "He went up," what does it mean? It means that he first came down to the earth. So Jesus came down, and he is the same One who went up above all the heaven. Christ did that to fill everything with his presence.

**Hymn #107** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High 2x*

## The Pastoral Prayer

## Children's Sermon

**Offertory** If you are visiting with us, and wish to give, please do so as the spirit leads you. We appreciate your presence. For regular attenders at First Presbyterian Church, this is a tangible expression of our gratitude to God. We joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God's work.

**Offertory Music** *On With the Show*

Tia Blackmore

**\*Doxology # 812**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*The Hymn of Preparation #80** *I Stand in Awe*

## Prayer of Illumination

**First Reading of Scripture** 1Corinthians 8:4-6 CEV

Scripture Reader: Shania Lark (MSYG)

## Spring Hill Skit

**Second Reading of Scripture** Micah 6:6-8 NCV

Scripture Reader: Marisa Rogers (HSYG)

## Chicago Zone Skit

## The Lord's Prayer

**\*The Closing Hymn (see insert)** *You're Worthy of My Praise*

**\*Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**The Postlude** *Great is the Lord* by Smith

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## INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

The Rev. Harold (Hal) Shafer

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Sandra K. Murray

## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pamela Bekkering

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Gary Bekkering

## 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 (Elle) 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

### TODAY, 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
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

### MONDAY, April 26

- 6:30 p.m. PNC

### TUESDAY, April 27

- 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Exercise
- 12:30 p.m. Garden Club
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH
- 7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, April 28

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

### THURSDAY, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

### FRIDAY, April 30

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

### SATURDAY, May 1

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

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### SUN., May 2

*Communion 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
- 11:00 a.m. Open House
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

### MON., May 3

- 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education MT

### TUE., May 4

- 8:30 a.m. Building Committee
- 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Exercise
- 3:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH
- 7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

### WED., May 5

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club at LH
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Team

### THU., May 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 12:15 p.m. National Day of Prayer  
Governmental Building

### FRI., May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

### SAT., May 8

- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class @LH
- 10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting

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

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**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Raquel Rieck

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** The flowers today are placed by Ken and Sue Cook in loving memory of their dear son, Scott C. Cook.

**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 DeRoshia and Jill Donberg are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie & Andy Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are scheduled to assist next week.

**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.

**PASTOR HAL** is on study leave and vacation from Monday, April 19, through Sunday, May 2.

**PRAYER FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:** Let us pause to thank God for the children and young people of our church. Let us also thank the youth for ushering and greeting on the fourth Sunday of each month.

**RULING ELDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Your April Session packets have been placed in your mailbox located across from the offices.

**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.

**PRESBYTERY POINT SPRING WORK CAMP, MAY 14 – 21:** 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](http://www.presbytery.org) or [www.presbysmac.org/ministries](http://www.presbysmac.org/ministries). Please register by May 7, 2010.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)  
Pre-K – Grade 5  
Jr. & Sr. High  
Parenting Class  
Adult Education

Nursery Lower Level  
Lower Level  
Lighthouse  
Multipurpose Room  
Office Conference Room

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**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.

**DR. WILLIAM NOWAK TO SPEAK ON ROBOTIC SURGERY:** Chapter EB of P.E.O. invites the men and women of the Elk Rapids community to hear Dr. Nowak speak in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. His topic will be the daVinci Robotic Surgical System and its use at Munson Medical Center. Dr. Nowak is associated with the Women's Health Pavilion on East M72 in Acme.

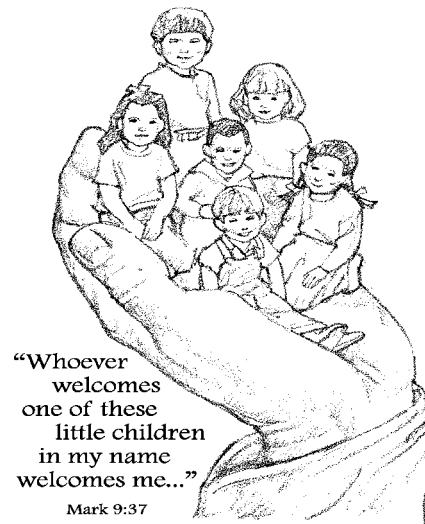
**NEW SPACE OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY:** Please mark your calendar and set aside May 2 for the open house of our new office space and remodeled areas. The basic construction is complete, but we have yet to complete the landscaping, signage, and interior decorating which will all be coming soon. The open 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*

**A NEW PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM HAS FORMED.** Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. During each worship service on Sundays, there will be two people praying in Pastor Hal's office. Interested people are asked to donate one service a month. We will pray for our pastors, staff, the congregation, Sunday School, youth, the PNC, Christ's will for our church, and any other requests. People desiring to be a part of this ministry may contact Jan Bellingham at 264-9813 or Carol Sinclair at 264-5874.

**THANKS TO ALL OF MY CHURCH FAMILY** for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and your many expressions of sympathy. Thanks to Pastor Hal, Pastor Sandy, and Cheryl Knight for the beautiful service for James and to the Deacons and choir for the lunch. It has meant a lot to me. I love you all.

*Dorothy Dowd*



“Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
little children  
in my name  
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 reins 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.*

