

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

**Sunday, May 2, 2010**

**8:30 and 10 a.m.**

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**The Prelude** *A time to be silent in preparation for worship.*

*"This Is My Father's World, He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* by Adams  
Clarinetist: Doug White

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Ministry:** John Werner

**Minute for Mission:** Jennifer Haskell

## **Ringing Our Historic Church Bells**

**Introit:** *"Antiphonal Praise"* by Green

**\*The Opening Hymn #90** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

## **The Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

**Mountains and hills, fruit trees, and all cedars shall praise the name of the Lord.**

Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

**We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven. Let us worship God!**

**(Based on Psalm 148)**

**The Anthem** *"Order My Steps"* by Burleigh

## **Litany Prayer of Confession** (Leader/Congregation)

Holy God, we confess our need of you in our lives.

**Come to us now; come to us always, in love.**

We confess that our love for you and others has not always and everywhere matched your love for us.

**Come to us now; come to us always, with forgiveness.**

We confess our calling to be your people, showing your ways in this world by the way of love.

**Come to us now; come to us always, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**(Silent Prayers of Confession)**

## **The Assurance of Pardon (Rev. 21:5-6)**

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." God is making all things new.

**Hymn #601** *"Yes, Lord, Yes"* (Sing two times.)

## **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:** *"Come Find Forgiveness and Love"* by Besig

**\*Doxology # 815**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading of Scripture: John 13:31-35**

Scripture Readers: LeRue Werner 8:30

Paul Wonacott 10:00

**\*The Hymn of Preparation #389** *"Spirit of the Living God"*

**Second Reading of Scripture: Acts 11:1-18**

**The Sermon** *"God is Full of Surprises"* Rev. Sandra Murray

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Communion Insert)**

**\*The Closing Hymn #426** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

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

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**The Postlude** *"How Majestic Is Your Name"* arr. by Christopher

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

### MONDAY, May 3

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

### TUESDAY, 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

### WEDNESDAY, May 5

- 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. Youth MT @LH

### THURSDAY, 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

### FRIDAY, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

### SATURDAY, May 8

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

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### SUN., May 9

*Mother's Day*

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

### MON., May 10

- 1:00 p.m. Upscale Sale Set-up
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee

### TUE., May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale Set-up
- 2:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH
- 7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

### WED., May 12

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale Set-up
- 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., May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
  - 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale
- ### FRI., May 14
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
  - 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del
  - 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale

### SAT., May 15

- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale

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

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**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Kalee Cobb.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are placed by Tara Lake and Stuart Bachner in celebration of their wedding on Saturday in our sanctuary.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Bob Bonesh, son-in-law of Bob and Helen Brugger; Bill Noecker; and Larry Serrell, twin brother of Gary Serrell.

**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Helen Gibbs, wife of Richard. Helen passed away on April 29, 2010. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS** Edith Crider, Omer Foret, 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 & Andy 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!

**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.

**TODAY! 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*

**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.presbyterypoint.org](http://www.presbyterypoint.org) or [www.presbymac.org/ministries](http://www.presbymac.org/ministries). Please register by May 7, 2010.

**GREETERS 8:30**

Marilyn and Ron Kuite

## 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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**THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST** will meet this coming Thursday, May 6. We meet in the library (on the first Thursday of each month) at 7 a.m. for a brief Bible Study, after which those who wish to do so will gather at T.J. Charlie's for a quick breakfast and time of fellowship. Advance reading materials are located on the table near the library. Men of all ages, come and join us as we learn, grow, and fellowship together.

**THE OWNERS OF PEARL'S RESTAURANT** have generously established a program called **HELP EVERYONE EAT**. The first Thursday of each month, 5% of their total sales will be donated to the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard. **Also new for 2010**, if you bring in a can of non-perishable food on any day, you will receive a free appetizer. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the Community Cupboard and enjoy an excellent meal. Let all of your friends know of this generous program provided by Pearl's.

**DR. WILLIAM NOWAK TO SPEAK ON ROBOTIC SURGERY:** Chapter EB of P.E.O. invites 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.

**GIVE THE VERY BEST.** People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it. Do you want to give your best to God and to others? Your best move is to contact Pastor Sandy, 264-8167, Connie Clark, 264-5977, Charlene Hansen, 499-9702, Sue Johnson, 264-6994, Pam Shuler, 599-2480, or Greg Socha, 264-9471 for more information.

**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.

**All-Church-Family Potluck and Fellowship Fun on May 20!** Join us in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 20, at 6p.m. for an all-church-family potluck and warm fellowship. Please bring your own table service ( silverware/plates) and your favorite dish to pass. Fellowship Ministry Team will provide lemonade, coffee, tea, and water. We will share memories of FPC past and present, and collectively create a timeline of our church history as told through "remember whens." You'll also be able to purchase bargain-priced Beach Bums tickets, while they last, for Friday, July 16 (Beach Bums vs. Kalamazoo Kings). Tickets are just \$5/person or \$10/family. We have a block of 100 seats, and all money collected will go toward our church Outreach ministry! See you there!

*Fellowship Ministry Team*

## 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE 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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.

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 promise 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.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty.

Your ways are just and true.

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise,

joining our voices with choirs of angels,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, most holy God,

for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow.

He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners.

Obedying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.

We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world.

He is still the friend of sinners.

We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us,

and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,

we break bread and share one cup

giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ.

As you raised our Lord from death

and call us with him from death to life,

we give ourselves to you

to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ

that we may be for the world

the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Send us out in the power of the Spirit

to live for others, as Christ lived for us,

announcing his death for the sins of the world,

and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

By your Spirit draw us together into one body

and join us to Christ the Lord,

that we may remain his glad and faithful people

until we feast with him in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,

forever and ever. **Amen.**

# 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.

*Also, we now have available gluten-free Communion wafers.*

**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:** Parents are asked to please explain to young children the meaning of the Bread and Cup, and the sacred nature of the Sacrament.

**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.