

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.*
"Soirees Dr Vienne" by Liszt

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing Our Historic Church Bells

***The Opening Hymn** (*Insert*) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

The Call to Worship (*responsive*)

L: God of love, in our world of "like."

P: We cry out to you.

L: We cry out, so that we may be carried
out of our lives of shallow stick-on love.

**P: And be brought into your love that is
rich and full, satisfying our deepest of needs.**

The Anthem "The Light of the World" by Price/Besig
Soloists: Susan Wiltse/Jan Johnson

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) **We welcome the chance to love one another, Holy God, when we share similar perspectives or political views, when our love does not impact our priorities or our pocketbooks, when our love costs us nothing. Yet, you ask us to keep your commandments when love is not an option we wish to keep on the table, when love is risky to us and to those we want to keep safe, when love threatens to cost us more than we wish to give. Forgive us our lack of courage. Strengthen and reassure us that your Spirit is with us, teaching us and leading us into your way of love. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's 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 "Who Put the Color in the Rose" by McSpadden
Soloist: Ken Price

***Doxology** # 815

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 (*p.259 NT*)
8:30 a.m. Gary Fangboner
10 a.m. Doug White

***Hymn of Preparation** #454 "The Family Prayer Song"

Second Reading John 14:23-29 (*p. 109 NT*)
Sermon *Peace, Unity, and Purity* Rev. Shafer

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) **We believe nothing can drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us. There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture... Nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus, our Master, has embraced us.** Romans 8:35-36, 38-39

***The Closing Hymn** # 676 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude "The God of Abraham Praise" by Young

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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

TODAY, May 9

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

MONDAY, May 10

- 1:00 p.m. Upscale Sale Set-up
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
- 6:30 p.m. PNC in MP Room

TUESDAY, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale Set-up
- 2:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Team
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Rotary Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, 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

THURSDAY, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Association

FRIDAY, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale

SATURDAY, May 15

- 10:00 a.m. Upscale Sale

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., May 16

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Last day of Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Banquet
with Special Session Mtg. to follow
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

MON., May 17

- 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles Due
- 3:00 p.m. Personnel MT
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 6:30 p.m. PNC in MP Room

TUE., May 18

WED., May 19

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., May 20

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 9:00 a.m. Risk Management Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. All Church Potluck

FRI., May 21

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

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

USHERS 10:00

Jill and Antoni Donberg
Doug and Kathy White
Gary and Beth Serrell
John and Marilyn West
Don and Sandy Davids
Myrta Keelan and Karen Ruedinger

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Logan Harthun

CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed by the Deacons in honor of all our mothers.

CHANCEL FLOWERS by the pulpit are placed in loving memory of Anne Avery by her family.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jim Lund

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Anne Avery who died on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 6, in our sanctuary with Rev. Shafer and Rev. Murray officiating.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Jane Lund is assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Kaitlin Eberle, Dave Bellingham and Amy Russell are scheduled to assist next week.

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.

ALL-CHURCH-FAMILY POTLUCK AND FELLOWSHIP FUN ON THURSDAY, 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

DEADLINE FOR THE COMMUNITY CASH PROGRAM IS MAY 31. Stock up your panty! Save the Village Market receipts and get them turned in by Sunday, June 6. Don't forget to fill the gas tank. Thank you to everyone for all your support.

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

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 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.

VBS TEAM MEMBER MEETING! If you have volunteered to be a VBS Crew Member on the “High Seas” or are considering this wonderful opportunity to be a part of changing a child’s heart plan on attending one of the four meetings, in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, June, 7 @ 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 13 @ 11:15 a.m.
Monday, June 14 @ 10 a.m., Monday, June 14 @ 1 p.m.

Each meeting will be approximately 1 hour. If you are working with a partner you can coordinate your schedule to allow for some planning time after the initial meeting. I will be there as long as you have question or need my assistance.

The week of VBS is very hectic. It is easier for everyone and provides the best possible quality programming if we are all on the same page before Monday morning. Sailing Instructions are necessary! If you have already agreed to be a team member, attending **one** of these informative meetings is a **MUST!** If you have any questions, or are not sure this is for you, or how best your gifts could be used, come to a meeting and see what we are all about!!! *Those doing set up and take down are not required to attend a meeting.

We are so grateful to everyone for their dedication to this BIG event. We could not do God’s wonderful work without your help!

Yes, there will be treats! If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call me at church 264-8167, or e-mail me at pbekkering@hotmail.com I will be happy to help in any way that I can!

Pam Bekkering CE Director & Captain

SERMON POINTS

- In John 15:26—it is the Jesus who sends the Spirit who brings peace, unity, and purity.
- We are only able to bring peace, unity, and purity through the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things.
- Reconciliation is to settle and give understanding to anything that causes disharmony or argument.
- In our Christian family Jesus’ peace is reconciliation.
- Reconciliation is similar to a mother’s peace for her family when we fear or are anxious about changes.

NEEDED FOR VBS 2010 - The congregation has always helped generously with supplies and donations for our Vacation Bible School program. Here is a list of supplies needed for this year’s VBS. Please leave supplies in the VBS box in Fellowship Hall.

The list will be up dated from week to week.

6 large containers of Clorox Wipes
8 pkgs. of purse size hand wipes
750 paper cups 6-8 oz.
130 clear plastic drinking cups
260 plastic spoons
10 pkgs. of Tac-N-Stick to put posters up on the walls
800 paper plates
12 pkgs. of reward stickers
9 boxes color pencils
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle red
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle dark blue
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle yellow
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle purple
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle green
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle light blue
2 plastic table cloths large rectangle pink
2 boxes of Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags
15 bags of Hershey’s Kisses PLAIN
12 rolls of paper towels
65 quarts of juice – apple or light color
Cash donation to support VBS
[Please put VBS on Memo Line]

Thank you so much for your support!

Saturday Night Praise & Worship Service

When: Saturday, May 22

Time: 5-6 p.m. (new time)

Where: Lighthouse

The Praise Band from Glen Lake Community Reformed Church will be here to lead us praise songs.

Come for a short inspirational message and a time to fellowship with one another as we praise and worship our Lord.

