

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

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

“Let Your Light So Shine” by Birchwood

***The Opening Hymn #390** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission VBS

Ringing Our Historic Church Bells

Sunday School Kids (10 a.m.)

“Jesus in the Morning” & “If I Were a Butterfly”

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!
We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

P: **Rejoice in God and give thanks to God’s holy name.**
Let all heaven and earth behold God’s glory.

L: God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
All creation is subject to God’s rule and reign.

P: **We bring our prayers and praise to God most high,**
We lift our voices in hymns of celebration.

L: Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;
Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

P: **We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.**
We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.

The Anthem: “The One and Only God” arr. by Courtney

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* Hear our individual confessions, O God, as we recall the ways we ignore you every day. Listen to our regrets over the abuse we have heaped on others by our words, actions, or neglect. We join together in asking forgiveness for the ways our church inflicts injury on members of the household of faith while excluding many who differ from

us. We live by our own devices rather than taking risks to follow where Christ might lead. Deliver us, O God, from empty forms to receive the fullness of your grace and the power to live as you intend. 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 “Portrait of Grace” by Martin

Soloist: Cheryl Knight

***Doxology # 815**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 *(p. 260 NT)*

Scripture Reader: Jim Ribby

***Hymn of Preparation #10** “Majesty”

Second Reading John 17:20-26 *(p. 111 NT)*

Sermon *Unity in Diversity* Rev. Shafer

Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* It is absolutely clear God has called us to a free life. We are not to use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever we want to do and destroy our God-given freedom. We are to use our freedom to serve one another; that’s how freedom grows. For everything we know about God’s Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That’s an act of true freedom. Amen.

***The Closing Hymn #353** “Victory in Jesus”

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude “Postlude on Italian Hymn”

arr. by Broughton

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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 Mottern
David West

PASTOR EMERITUS
The Rev. Dr. Daniel K. Herlein

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, 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 Lunch
with Special Session Mtg. to follow
1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
5:00 p.m. MS Youth @ LH
7:00 p.m. HS Youth @ LH

MONDAY, 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 Meeting in MP

TUESDAY, May 18

7:00 p.m. HS Bible Study @ LH

WEDNESDAY, May 19

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

THURSDAY, May 20

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

FRIDAY, May 21

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

SATURDAY, May 22

5:00 p.m. Sat. Night Praise @ LH

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., May 23

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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

MON., May 24

6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting

TUE., May 25

8:30 a.m. Building Committee
10:00 a.m. Garden Club
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WED., May 26

6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
10:00 a.m. Bible Study Resumes
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in FH
7:00 p.m. Session @ LH
7:00 p.m. Dr. William Nowak in
Fellowship Hall

THU., May 27

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRI., May 28

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

Ron & Micky Kuite
Dick & LaCorda Smith
Harry & Nell Widman
Bob & Maxine Cameron
Dick & Jean Schurch
Stan & Betty Holzhauser

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Iain Ferguson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Diane Klingler, Gloria Haskell (Mark Haskell's mother)

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, Dave Bellingham and Amy Russell are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie DeRosha is scheduled to assist next week.

PASTOR SANDY is on study leave and vacation from May 10 -22, 2010. She will turn on Monday, May 24.

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 and please consider volunteering. We need you!

REMINDER: Newsletter articles are due, Monday, May 17, by noon.

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.

PARISH NURSES will be taking blood pressures TODAY between the two services and after the 10:00 service in the library. Come and get your blood pressure taken!

LIBRARY NOTE: There are eighteen new adult fiction books on the table. Check them out!

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

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

DEADLINE FOR THE COMMUNITY CASH PROGRAM IS MAY 31.

Stock up your pantry! 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.

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.

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

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 questions 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

- Jesus prays that we are one just as He and his Father are one.
- Unity is developed in prayer—there is nothing more powerful, other than our gift of love for one another.
- Unity is witnessed in community in the expression of love for one another. This builds trust.
- Unity in diversity is what gives glory to the triune God, displaying our oneness in the church, which gives true freedom to express God's love and our unity to the world.

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 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 9 oz.
- 300 clear plastic drinking cups
- 10 pkgs. of Tac-N-Stick to put posters up on the walls
- 300 paper plates
- 150 large dinner size BLUE paper plates
- 12 pkgs. of reward stickers
- 18 boxes color pencils
- 2 boxes of Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags
- 150 ziploc bags, sandwich size
- 15 bags of Hershey Kisses PLAIN
- 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.





Needed for VBS 2010

We are getting close, still need
only 30 more canisters

Crystal Light or off brand such as Spartan

We need the CONTAINER the individual
servings come in,
NOT the individual servings.

Example in Fellowship Hall.