

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

### THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of April, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults and College

At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

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The Greetings and Announcements (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)	
<b>The Prelude</b> — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	arr. by J. Hunt
The Introit — "Easter Fanfare"	Paul Fetler
The Call to Worship	
<b>The Hymn of Praise No. 277</b> — "Christ the Lord Is Risen T	oday"
The Prayer of Adoration and Confession	
The Apostles' Creed (See	Morning Guide
The Gloria Patri	
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen."	
<b>The Scripture Reading</b> — Psalm 116 (Pew Bib.	le pages 510-511)
The Morning Prayer	
<b>The Hymn No. 276</b> — "Up from the Grave He Arose"	
The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	
The Offertory — "Fanfare for Easter"	Jane Marshall
Now is Christ risen from the dead. Christ is risen from the And is become the firstfruits of them that slept.	e dead,
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection Now is Christ risen from the dead. Christ is risen! Allel	
The Prayer of Illumination	
The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 20: 1-29 (Pew Bibl	e pages 906-907)
The Sermon — "He is Risen!"	Mr. Strain
The Hymn of Response No. 273 — "Jesus Christ Is Risen T	oday"
The Benediction	
The Response — "Christ Is Risen"	Jane Marshall
The Postlude — "Christ Arose"Lower	y arr. by J. Hunt

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<sup>\*</sup>The ushers may seat latecomers ‡Congregation standing

# **EVENING WORSHIP**

Six O'Clock Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps Director of Media

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.) The Prelude — "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"......Arr. Dana Everson FPC Brass The Call to Worship **† The Hymn of Praise No. 296** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" **‡** The Invocation The Evening Hymn — "O Day Of Rest And Gladness" (See Evening Guide) \* The Greetings The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Doyle Moorhead The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings The Offertory — "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" .....arr. by J. Hunt FPC Brass The Young Children's Devotional For children currently in 4 year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School The Song No. 648 (Stz. 2) — "My Jesus, I Love Thee" The Children's Catechism No. 52 Q. "For whom did Christ obey and suffer?" A. "For those the Father has given Him." The Scripture — Genesis 3:8-9; Matthew 27:16; John 3:19; 10:27-29, 15:16; Romans 3:10; Ephesians 1:4-8; I John 4:19 The Prayer ......(The children dismissed following the prayer) ‡ The Hymn No. 310 (Stz. 1-4) — "Rejoice the Lord Is King" The Prayer of Illumination **The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 6:19-24 (Pew Bible page 811) **‡** The Benediction The Response "Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!" FPC Brass

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> To All Our Visitors

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

#### A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

#### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

We open our sung praise to God with this joyful and exuberant song – one of the most popular Easter hymns in the English language. Leonard Payton, formerly music director at Redeemer PCA in Austin, Texas says, "I think I've sung this every Easter Sunday of my life, and I hope my grandchildren will be singing it, too. It deals with the third and fourth articles of the gospel (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-4) while treating the second article (He was buried) briefly and the first article (Christ died for our sins) only obliquely." Wesley's words were written for use at the first worship service at the Wesleyan Chapel in London.

#### The Apostles' Creed

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its authors, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

#### Up from the Grave He Arose

Transitioning from prayer to song, we sing of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Larger Catechism Question 52 asks: "How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?" Answer: "Christ was exalted in His resurrection, in that, now having seen corruption in death (of which it was not possible for Him to be held), and having the very same body in which He suffered, with the essential properties thereof (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life), really united to His soul, He arose again from the dead on the third day by His own power; whereby He declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and Him that had the power of it, and to be the Lord of quick and dead: all which He did as a public person, the head of His church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day."

#### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

As we respond to the preaching of the Word, we turn to this song which is based upon a 14th century Latin carol from Bohemia (the land of John Hus, forerunner of the Reformation, and of the beloved Czech brethren). May we sing and rejoice in the salvation that Christ has accomplished on our behalf!

#### 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 arose 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.

# ECLIPSE

# BARRIERS TO FAITH IN JESUS

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS EVENING. HAVING HEARD ABOUT JESUS TONIGHT, IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED OR OBJECTIONS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO EXPRESS. PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST IN MORE DETAIL WITH SOMEONE INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A GROUP DISCUSSION. IT MAY EVEN BE THAT YOU HAVE FOUND JESUS SO COMPELLING THAT YOU'D LIKE TO MEET HIM FOR YOURSELF.

IN THE FORM BELOW, YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU THINK THROUGH WHO JESUS IS, WHY HE CAME, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW HIM. COMPLETING THE FORM DOES NOT INDICATE ANY COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART, AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM, TEAR DOWN THE PERFORATED EDGE, AND LEAVE IT IN THE BOXES MARKED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE GREETING COURTYARD AND FRONT FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A PASTOR ABOUT THE THINGS I'VE HEARD TONIGHT.
- □ I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHORT COURSE, SO I CAN FURTHER EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

OR YOU MAY RESPOND TO THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE BY TEXTING "ECLIPSE" TO 88202.

NAME:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE:	

# **FPC THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY • APRIL 5, 2015

Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133

The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

(Library only)

**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH

**Inquirers' Class** — 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. in Session Room

College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

(Library only)

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary

No Senior High Insight

**Monday** Diaconate Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/PH

**Tuesday** Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202

WIC Leadership Council — 9:30 a.m. in SC

Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

**Cubs** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

**Internationals**— 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday MOM'S Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH

College Coffee and Conversation — 5:15 p.m. in WH204

Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH

**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/

Playground

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

**Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations

Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH

Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

**Thursday** "12 Extraordinary Women" Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Friday** | **Sew & Sew** — 9:00 a.m. in PH

**Saturday** Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House
LH - Lowe Hall
MS - Music Suite
M - Main Floor
PH - Patterson Hall
MCR - Ministers
Conference Room
CH - Willer Hall
MS - Music Suite
PH - Patterson Hall
LRC - Learning Resource
Center
SR - Session Room

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **II THESSALONIANS 3:1**

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." **Doug & Masha**- Serving with Mission to the World in Europe. For contact information, please call or email the Mission and Outreach Department. **Brad & Carrie Mills**- Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Clovis, CA. Mailing address: 2982 Saginaw Ave, Clovis, CA 93611 Email: brad@graceclovis.org

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. David (Oza) Chennault — March 26, 2015

#### MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 252 cards were received for a total of \$628,737. If you have not turned in your Mission Pledge card, we encourage you to bring it next Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

#### EASTER LUNCH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

College Students: If you were unable to go home for Easter, and you are scrambling for lunch plans, then we would love to have you join us last minute for lunch! Come out to the Felkers' house in Belhaven (the address is 2004 Laurel St) after the 11:00 a.m. service with a number of other FPC staff members.

#### **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, April 12. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper.

#### **GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION**

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free "crackers" will be available for the next Communion Sunday, April 12. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the greeting courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way in to the morning worship service.

#### ORGAN CONCERT - APRIL 21, 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday evening, April 21, Brian Anderson, a grandson of this congregation, will play an organ concert for our church family. Brian is graduating from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA. Only the very best young musicians are selected to attend this elite music school. Curtis has produced a number of illustrious graduates, including Leonard Bernstein, Allen Gilbert (present conductor of the NY Philharmonic), Ned Rorem, and the composer, Lang Lang. Brian has served as organist for the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia while studying at Curtis.

#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the business office: 601-353-8316.

#### **SUPPORT GROUP**

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction meets for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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#### O Day Of Rest And Gladness

