

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

April 11, 2010

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "As the Deer" arr. John Carter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)
(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CHORAL INTROIT "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield; you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 44:1-4
LEADER: O God, we have heard it with our own ears – our ancestors have told us of all you did in other days, in days long ago.
PEOPLE: **You drove out the pagan nations and gave all the land to our own ancestors; you crushed their enemies, setting our ancestors free. They did not conquer the land with their swords; it was not their own strength that gave them victory.**
ALL: **It was by your mighty power that they succeeded; it was because you favored them and smiled on them. You are my King and my God. You command victories for your people.**

*HYMN (insert) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Adelaide

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)
Gracious God, we sing, "Have thine own way, Lord," but then proceed to grab the steering wheel to pursue our own dreams and hopes as we travel through life. We are distracted by the sideshows of life that tempt us to follow paths other than the one you call us to walk with you. Forgive us, Merciful God, for the sins that we commit, knowingly and unknowingly, so that we may stand upright before you. Hear us now as we make our silent and personal confession of sins before you.
(Silent Confession) (2)

Help us, O Fount of All Wisdom and Knowledge, to understand and take into our hearts the true meaning of Jerusalem and of Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. Be with us as we prepare to move through the days leading to Jesus' ascension into heaven and to your Spirit indwelling Jesus' disciples on the first Christian Pentecost giving them the faith, hope and love to ignite and to establish the Church of Jesus Christ. This we pray in the name of the One we follow, love and serve, Jesus Christ, whose name is above all names on earth and in heaven. Amen.

#*CONFESSION RESPONSE "The Strife Is O'er" Victory
The words may be found in verse 4 of Hymn #119.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #579 "Gloria Patri"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Debbie Snyder

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Leviticus 19:9-18 (p. 104);
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (p. 162)

#ANTHEM "As the Deer" Nystrom; arr. Fettke
As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee. You alone are my Strength and Shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield. You're my Friend and You are my Brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES
(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13 (p. 161)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Loch
"It's the Simple Things, Stupid"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (The Confession of 1967 – 9.08)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful man. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teachings judged their goodness, religious aspirations and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

*HYMN #384 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” *St. Margaret*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

(No Sung Prayer Response for awhile. Soft music will be played during the prayer.)

OFFERING & DEACON'S OFFERING

Offertory “Peace I Leave with You” Larry Visser
Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. (John 14:27)

*Response #592 “Doxology” *Old Hundredth*

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer
“...sins, and those who sin against us...”

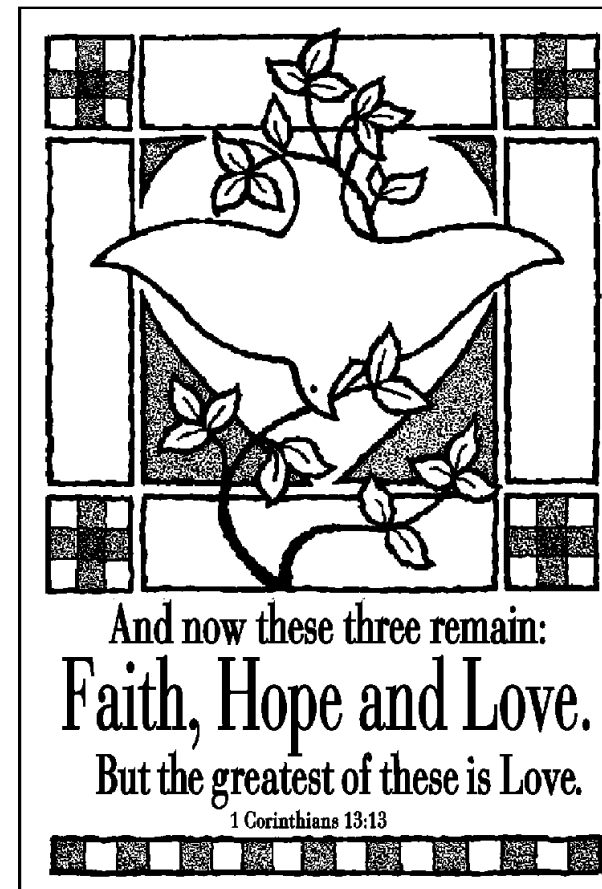
*HYMN #376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Hyfrydol*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Marty Haugen
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! I am the light of the world says the Lord. Walk in the light of life. All who follow my words shall have life indeed: Hallelujah!

*POSTLUDE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” arr. John Carter

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service. (4)



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April 11th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Bob Loch preaching

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10 PM	Deacons Meeting	Room #206
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups	
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Big Group	FPC
6:30 PM	Missional Church Meeting	Home of Tim Jones

Monday, April 12

12:00 Noon	Mary/Martha Circle	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Personnel Team	Conference Room
7:00-8:30 PM	Marriage Tune-Up Seminar	Room #206

Wednesday, April 14

7:00 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Panera's
11:30 AM	OAM's Progressive Luncheon	
5:15 PM	VBS Meeting	Room #206
6:30 PM	Session Teams Meetings	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 15

9:00 AM	PW of Shenango Presbytery's Spring Gathering	Westfield
2:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 PM	Carillon Choir Practice	Room #206
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Room #303

April 18th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Hink preaching

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10 PM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Big Group	FPC
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Small Groups	
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Room #206

*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM service only.

The flowers are in memory of
Margaret C. & John D. Neuman

IN MEMORIAM
 Mrs. Robert W. (Sue) Funk
 United with First Church: October 1, 1950
 Date of Death: April 1, 2010

A SPECIAL WELCOME to Dr. Bob Loch, who is leading worship and preaching today.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall and her helpers, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Karen Wood and Stacy Cilas, will be dismissed to the "Children in Worship" program following the "Good News for Children." Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The Prelude is based on the Choral Introit and the first anthem. The Postlude is based on the Benediction Response. Copies of the Offertory Anthem were distributed to the participants at the 2010 Calvin Symposium on Worship, which Rev. Maloney attended in January. The 1,500 people in attendance then sang this anthem at the end of the closing communion service. Dr. Loch selected the hymns to fit the theme of the worship service today.

THANK YOU to Maggie Reel for her gift of music today.

REMINDERS:

- The Missional Church Team meets tonight, 6:30 PM @ Tim and Jane Jones' home.
- Session Teams meet this Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 PM.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – A total of \$827.83 was contributed to this special PC (USA) mission offering at FPC.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME everyone to worship on Sunday mornings at FPC. Occasionally visitors to FPC will ask members for money. Please do not give money to anyone who is visiting the church. Instead, please direct the person to myself or Rev. Maloney.
- Dr. Hink

THE ANNUAL DINNER of Christian Associates of the Shenango Valley will be Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Sharon. Jon Kolb, a former Pittsburgh Steeler and an inspirational speaker, will provide the program for the evening. The cost of the catered buffet dinner is \$12.50. Reservations need to be made by April 15. Forms are available in the church office. No reservations will be accepted by phone or at the door.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Immediately following worship on April 18 we will have a brief Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee, elect church officers, and receive Annual Report Booklets.

“MARRIAGE TUNE-UP” SEMINARS begin tomorrow evening, April 12, 7:00-8:30 PM. These seminars are not necessarily for marriages under severe stress, but are rather for a couple who wants their marriage to be better. Nursery and child care is available. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending so appropriate preparations can be made.

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION – Now's the time to sign up for this mission trip with 1st Presbyterian Church – Greenville, May 6-8. This is a light construction mission, and is open to anyone (at least 12 years old). The cost is \$40. Contact Tim Jones.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: Who says “Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord?” (Josh. 24:15) Paul writes that he hopes to visit Roman Christians after going to Jerusalem. Where does he want to go after he sees the Roman Christians? (Rom. 15:24) These questions are from the readings for April 9th.

“AN EASTER CAROL” a special worship service featuring drama and special music will be presented at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church today at 2:00 PM. A dessert reception will be provided. The performance is open to the public. Admission is free. Some participants include members of FPC.

COME JOIN US to plan a great VBS this year. VBS meeting: April 14 @5:15 in Room #106.

THE SPRING LUNCHEON of PW of First will be Tuesday, April 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Program is Barney Scholl on Mercer County Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased after church this morning or in the church office. Plan now to join us. All members and friends of FPC, men and women, are invited.

TAIZE AT VILLA MARIA will be held Tuesday, April 20th. FPC will once again be taking our church bus. We will leave at 6:15 PM from the church parking lot for the 7:00 PM service. We will stop for dessert on the way home, and return home about 10:00 PM. If you would like to ride the church bus with Dr. Hink please contact the church office to make a reservation.

SPARES & PAIRS AND THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP are co-sponsoring a docent led tour of the Butler Art Institute in Youngstown. This special trip will be Saturday, April 24th. We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 PM (sharp) for scheduled 2:30 PM tour. Following the tour the group will go out to dinner in Youngstown at M.V.R. (Mahoning Valley Restaurant). This is an “adult only” trip. All couples, singles, friends of members, etc. are invited to attend. Participants will be able to ride the church bus (and carpool if needed). There is **NO CHARGE** for the admission/tour at the Butler, and you can pay for your own dinner. Please contact the Church Office by April 20th if you plan to go, as reservations will need to be made.

PW RUMMAGE SALE is coming April 30 & May 1 from 9 AM – 2 PM. If you wish to donate items to the sale, they may be brought to the church beginning Monday, April 26 until **noon** on Thursday, April 29. If you are unable to bring your items to the church, a pick up service is available. Please call the church office by **noon** on April 21, leave your name, address and phone number and you will receive a call to arrange pick up for Monday or Tuesday. A donation is requested to help defray the cost of the pick up service. Additional information will be coming.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 25 – Special Recognition of Senior Seniors @FPC

April 30 – Shenango Valley Chorale's Spring Concert at First United Methodist Church, Sharon

May 2 – Geneva Service (16th C worship with costumes)

May 2 & 9 - Combined Adult Sunday School class with Dr. Kang Na

May 23 – Pentecost

May 30 – Memorial Service