

11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY April 4, 2010
EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "Fantasy in A Minor" J. S. Bach

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION West Virginia Mission Trip

CHORAL INTROIT "Halle, Halle, Halle" Marty Haugen
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Now Christ is raised up from death, he will never die again. All who follow his way shall have life in him: Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Share and believe the Good News this Easter morning;

PEOPLE: He is risen. He is risen, indeed.

LEADER: The light shines in the darkness, the tomb is empty;

PEOPLE: He is risen. He is risen, indeed.

LEADER: God's reign has come, it is the beginning of the new age;

ALL: Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed.

*HYMN #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Easter Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all power and grace, we come to the empty tomb again this Easter morning. Looking inside, we want to believe, but confess we are afraid. We hear the message of resurrection, but confess our doubt. We sing songs of Easter hope, but confess we live in old ways. (Silent Confession)

God of mercy, in Jesus Christ forgive us again, and raise us from fear and sin so to live new lives in your kingdom this day. And may we look through the mystery of death with hope, trusting you for resurrection in the new day. In the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE (insert)
"Because He Lives" William & Gloria Gaither

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Ron McGinnis

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25 (p. 657)

ANTHEM "Hallelujah! Amen!" from Judas Maccabeus G. F. Handel
Hallelujah! Amen! Rejoice, O Judah in songs divine,
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

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 Luke 24:1-12 (p. 83)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink
"Beyond the Edge of the Map"

*HYMN #122 "Thine Is the Glory" Judas Maccabeus

THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER COMMUNION
The Invitation and Instructions from Luke 24:28-31
The Prayer of Thanksgiving and **The Lord's Prayer**
"...sins, and those who sin against us..."
The Words of Institution
The Sharing of Communion
As we pass the juice to each other, please share "This is the risen Jesus Christ for you."

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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

OFFERING

Offertory "Alleluia" W. A. Mozart

Susan Woge

*Response #592

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #118

"The Day of Resurrection"

Lancashire

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Hallelujah Chorus" from **MESSIAH** G. F. Handel
(See insert. Please leave this insert on the pews after worship.)

*POSTLUDE

"Toccatà" from **Symphony No. 5**

C. M. Widor

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

*Please stand if you are able.

HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN! Let us join our hearts, our hands and our voices in celebration of this miraculous day and the promise it brings to all.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Sarah Miller and Brian Weigle, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher & Stephanie Longstreet, 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.

EARLY EASTER THANKS ...to Youth Director Aaron Christy and our youth group for leading the Sunrise service and serving Easter breakfast. (4)

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"Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment"

April 4th
EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM	Sunrise Service led by Youth Group	Sanctuary
8:15 AM	Easter Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Easter Worship & Communion	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 6

10:00 AM	PW Coordinating Team	Room #206
1:30 PM	SSS – Hospitality House	

Thursday, April 8

10:30 AM	Program Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal	Room #206
6:30 PM	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303

Saturday, April 10

8:30 AM	Property Team	Room #106
10:00 AM	College Club	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	James Woge Memorial Service	

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

THANK YOU to the Sanctuary and Carillon Choirs, Susan Woge, Chelsea Rose, Mike Compeau, Art and Jan Reichenfeld, Terry Leonard, P. J. Nespor, and Maggie Reel for all the beautiful music that has been offered in praise to God during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

EASTER FLOWERS – Thanks to everyone who has given flowers in honor or memory of family or friends. They proclaim the beauty of new life and Easter. At the conclusion of worship the Deacons will help members pick up the flower they ordered. Thank you for your patience.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Anyone participating in this PC(USA) special mission offering may place their OGHs envelope in the offering plate.

TODAY’S MUSIC expresses the jubilation of the Easter message. Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937) was a famous French organist and composer. He served as the organist at St. Sulpice in Paris for 64 years – the most prominent position for a French organist. He taught at the Paris Conservatoire where he had several students who were to become famous composers and organists in their own right, most notably Louis Vierne, Charles Tournemire, Darius Milhaud (who was to later strongly influence jazz pianist Dave Brubeck), Marcel Duprè, Alexander Schreiner, Edgard Varèse and Albert Schweitzer. Widor’s best-known single piece for the organ is the final movement, “Toccatà,” from his **Symphony for Organ No. 5**, today’s Postlude.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY Please sign up by April 5th by calling the office for the Progressive Luncheon on April 14th. Also indicate if you need transportation. You will be called sometime during the week prior to the lunch by your hostess. You should arrive at her home about 11:30 AM. Following the lunches, a combined dessert and fellowship time will be held at 1:30 back at the church.

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 will begin Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 PM. Nursery and childcare will be available. Contact the Church Office (724-981-2211 ext. 2, office@1stpcs.org) if you are interested in attending so appropriate preparations can be made.

OUR THIRD YEAR of the mission AfterSchool@First concluded on March 25th. This has been a wonderful mission to our community providing mentors and an encouraging community to 5th and 6th graders in special need at Case Elementary School. Special thanks to Director Barb Clawson, Kitchen Czar Sherry Rose, and the FPC adult mentors and helpers. The mission will begin again for 8 weeks in the fall. If you would like more information about helping or making a contribution, contact Barb Clawson or Dr. Hink.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: Why does Moses climb to the top of Mount Nebo? (Deut. 34:1-6) What sign does Rahab use to indicate her house so that it will be spared when Israel takes Jericho? (Josh. 2:18) Israel suffers after the fall of Jericho because of the sin of Achan. What does he do? (Josh. 7:1, 21) These questions are from the readings for March 31- April 3.

SPRING GATHERING of the Presbyterian Women of Shenango Presbytery will be Thursday, April 15 at Westfield Presbyterian Church. The theme is "Patterns for Living." Lunch is \$6 and reservations need to be made by April 9. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Dorothy Davis or Ella Lee if you are interested in attending. Carpooling arrangements will be made.

"AN EASTER CAROL" a special worship service featuring drama and special music will be presented at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church on April 11 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.

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 in the church office. Plan now to join us. All members and friends of FPC, men and women, are invited.

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.

"AWAKE, THOU WINTRY EARTH – Fling off thy sadness! Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth Your ancient gladness! Christ is risen!"
- Thomas Blackburn

MISSION @ FIRST

- What?** A shorter mission trip to rural West Virginia to assist with light construction or building to help a local family in need.
- Who?** Anyone from First Church (along with interested friends and family) can participate. We will go down with members of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville and work under the direction of World Servants.
- When?** The group will meet at First Church around 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 6th and return on Saturday, May 8th sometime in the evening, unless some members elect to stay in the area Saturday night to attend worship services in the area Sunday morning.
- Where?** The trip will be in rural West Virginia near the Philippi area. The final location will be determined by World Servants based on the skills of the group and the needs of the family.
- Why?** First Church has a long history of mission, but some members have expressed difficulty with participating in longer mission trips. However, one aspect of the trip that will remain is the work and witness with a family. This trip is intended to help a family in need, but is also intended to allow the group to get to know the family and work with them side by side.
- How much?** The cost of the trip is only \$40 per person!

Sign up on the Mission bulletin board

or contact Tim Jones for more information.