

*The Church At Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 13, 2008 - 10 a.m.*

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**GATHERING OF COMMUNITY**

**Worship Preparation**

*As we prepare for worship, you are invited to silently commune with God. Also, take this time to find the morning scripture lessons in a pew Bible or your own Bible.*

**Prelude** *Be Thou My Vision*

Arranged by Hal Hopson

**Announcements**

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew.)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Introit**

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

**Call to Worship (From Psalm 116)**

Betsy Burke

Leader: Let us lift up the cup of salvation.

**People: Let us call upon God's name!**

Leader: Let us pledge ourselves to God

**People: In the presence of all God's people.**

**All: Let us worship our gracious and almighty God.**

**Invocation (unison)**

**Most Holy God, You manifested Your power over sin and death in the raising of Jesus.**

**Help us to recognize the living Christ in our lives, that by perceiving Him even when He seems hidden, we may serve the least of our sisters and brothers, as Jesus has called us to do.**

**We pray in His name, Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace*

Hymnal, pg. 228

**\*Call to Confession**

(Silent Confession)

**\*Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**O God, we are ashamed to admit that we do not live as You call us to live.**

**We do not love as You call us to love.**

**We are selfish and arrogant and intent on our own way.**

**We put our own needs ahead of the needs of others...and we find ways to justify doing that.**

**Forgive us, Gracious God.**

**Help us to better remember Your love for us...so that we can better live by Your example.**

**We pray in the name of the one who showed us how to live and love, Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us.**

**All: Christ rose for us and reigns in power for us.**

**We are loved and forgiven!**

**\*Choral Response**

*Gloria Patri*

Hymnal, pg. 579

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen."*

**HEARING THE WORD**

**First Lesson:** Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible, NT, pg. 120

**Baptism of Caroline Marie Gerhard**

**Youth Chat**

**Anthem** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Franz Schubert

**Gospel Reading:** John 10:1-10

Pew Bible, NT, pg. 103

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Hymnal, pg. 367

**Epistle Reading:** I Peter 1:14-23

Pew Bible, NT, pgs. 232-233

**Meditation** "Ransomed FROM Our Ancestors"

Rev. Dr. Nancy W. Holt

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**The Offering** (Please put the completed Friendship pad in the offering plate.)

**Offertory** *Offertory in A* Alexandre Guilmant

**\*Doxology** Hymnal, pg. 592

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Holy, Wholly God, help us to live our lives in the way Jesus showed us, responding always to Your grace with trust and love and generosity.**

**Amen.**

**\*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 rose 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.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the Pastor and the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Hymnal, pg. 372

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude** *Go Forth in Faith* Franklin Ritter



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**Sunday, April 13, 2008**

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### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Sunday, April 13, 2008

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, we go forth joyfully to share his love with all.*

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School and Ichthus – GR  
Worship Service – Sanctuary  
Sermon Title – “Ransomed FROM Our Ancestors”  
Children’s Sunday School  
Coffee Hour – WH  
Mission Committee Meeting – CL  
Deacons’ Meeting – GR  
Music & Worship Meeting – NR

Monday, April 14, 2008

4:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Karate – WH  
Boy Scout Committee Meeting – IH  
Finance Committee Meeting – Office

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

6:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Fitness Class – WH  
AA – GR

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Brownies – IH  
Karate – WH  
Study Group – Manse  
AA – GR

Thursday, April 17, 2008

6:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Fitness Class – WH  
Hand Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
AA – GR  
Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
LPPA Spring Concert – IH

Friday, April 18, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Girl Scouts – IH  
Daisy Troop – IH

Saturday, April 19, 2008

10:15 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fitness Class – WH  
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner – IH

Sunday, April 20, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
  
10:20 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday School and Ichthus – GR  
Worship Service – Sanctuary  
Sermon Title – “Stumbling Blocks or Building Blocks?”  
Children’s Sunday School  
Coffee Hour – WH

**WELCOME TO FPC!**

“...I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” Matthew 25: 36

We welcome all guests with us today in the name of Jesus Christ. We’re glad that you’re here! We invite you to come grow with us in our love of God, in our service to each other and our community, and in our efforts to be Christ’s faithful disciples.

**The Ritual of Friendship** folder is located at the center aisle; members and visitors are invited to sign and pass the ritual of friendship tablet from the center aisle down the pew. Completed sheets may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** We also provide free childcare for children up to age four in our Family Resource Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Building) from 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. every Sunday morning. Ushers or Greeters can assist you in locating this facility.

**Worship Bags** are available for preschool and elementary-aged children at the Lansdowne entrance. Children are invited to use the contents and return the bag at the end of the service so it can be restocked. Ask an usher for a worship bag!

**Mothers and Fathers** with infants or toddlers are welcome to use the Choir Robing Room (behind left front Sanctuary door) during the service, should the need arise. There is a rocking chair; some infant toys are also provided for your (baby’s) comfort!

**Restrooms** in the Sanctuary building are located behind either of the front Sanctuary doors. Ushers can assist you in locating them.

**TODAY’S SERVICE**

**Our ushers** this morning are Eleanor Irons, assisted by Bette Husson-Anderson, Donald Jackle, Evelyn Quirk, and Richard Smalley.

**Our sound system operators** are Bob Beach and/or Jim Klingler.

The **Chancel flowers** today are in honor of Ruth Speers, the gift of her children.

**Our Elders of the day** are Helen Egner and Penny Klingler.

**VISITORS**

Are you a **VISITOR**? We don't want to overlook you – **YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US!!!** We try to meet and greet all newcomers – but if we miss you, say "hello" to Angie, Eleanor, or Bill! We hope everyone feels God's presence AND the warmth and love of this congregation each Sunday – but most especially we hope that for newcomers!!

**CHURCH CONCERNS**

**Do you have updated information about members who have been hospitalized or who may have been transferred to another facility, or may be resting at home? Please call the church office by Wednesday afternoon with any updated information.**

**Please remember in your prayers and with cards and visits:** Robert Moore at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital. The Odi Family. Frank Gorges home from the hospital. Alma Umholtz at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital. Jean Shenberger home from the hospital.

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Large print Sunday bulletins and hearing devices are available to all who want them.** Please ask an usher for a large print bulletin or hearing device, if you would like one. They are only given out on request.

### **CAN YOU HELP US?**

Our church offering envelopes cost approximately \$5.00 per box! Would you be willing to pay for yours? If so, please either use the Initial Offering envelope in your box of envelopes...or use an envelope in the pew and indicate its purpose!!

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

If you have not already done so, please pick up your first quarter financial statement in the narthex. Thank you!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** **SUNDAY MORNINGS IN APRIL** **9:00 A.M. in the Garrett Room**

Next week's topic – "Mega Churches: Deep Faith or Deep Pockets?"  
(Led by Arthur Tehson)

Please consider signing up to lead a class. There will be a sign up sheet in Westminster Hall during coffee hour. Feel free to add your own topic. Classes are held for adult and youth on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Garrett Room.

### **Surf's Up! 2008 VBS Planning Meeting to Be Held April 27<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited to announce our 2008 Vacation Bible School, *Beach Party-Surfin' Through The Scriptures*, to be held June 17-20, from 6:15 – 8:30pm. We hope this new evening format will bring more families to church this summer.

To organize this event, we are holding a planning meeting after church on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am. If you would like to help in any way, large or small, please join us! No sun block is needed (yet).

*Judie and Andy*

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** **10:30 A.M. in the Garrett Room**

### **NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK. PASTOR NANCY IS AT A SPIRITUAL RETREAT!**

The EXODUS has been called "The Seminal experience for Jews and Christians" – come explore the forty years of wandering in the desert by the Hebrew people. They complained, they fussed at one another and at God; they longed for the "good old days" – they sound a lot like the modern church, don't they??? When manna and water from the rock got boring, they found new ways to cause problems!! We will be reading the second book of the Bible and finding relevance for our own lives...come explore the wanderings with us! Newcomers are always welcome!! (Led by Pastor Nancy)

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP** **6:30 P.M. at the Manse**

EVERYONE WELCOME—come to the Manse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Bring a snack/food to share...and plan to have LOTS of fun! In April, we are starting to view and discuss "THE LIFE OF BRIAN." Banned by some religions (OBVIOUSLY NEVER THE PRESBYTERIANS), we will look for the sacred... the sacrosanct and the humor of God in it as we watch and discuss it together. If you have seen it, plan to come view and discuss it; if you haven't seen it, DEFINITELY plan to come and join us!!!! NEWCOMERS are especially urged to be with us!!



### **LANSDOWNE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL ACADEMY**

The Spring Concert will be held in Irwin Hall on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The children are working very hard at learning songs and there is a new dance troupe that one of our teachers recently formed. There will be both girls and boys dancing. Please join us if you are able.