

April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday

First Presbyterian Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING CHIMES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

Leader: Jesus Christ is alive!

People: Death could not hold him.

All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

***HYMN No. 245** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”*

(please be seated after the hymn)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we do not understand what the resurrection of Jesus means,

People: we sin and need his forgiveness.

Leader: Therefore, let us turn to our prayer of confession and ask for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

This is Easter, Lord Jesus, but too often we do not realize how important today is for our faith. We come to church but do not always live as if you truly are our Lord. We call ourselves Christians, and yet we do not always live as people of faith. We go our own way. We insist on people following us instead of you. Have mercy upon us when we are not willing to serve others. Deliver us from wanting the faith on our conditions instead of your guidance. Make this Easter come alive for us as we renew our vows to be your disciples, O Jesus. By your Holy Spirit make this prayer live, Amen.

PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

You are the risen Lord, O Jesus, and we praise and extol you truly. As a result of your resurrection, we know we can give financial gifts to your church. Use these gifts to glorify you and spread the word about your resurrection always. We pray, O Christ, in you, Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

RESPONSIVE READING

Acts 10:34-43

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 3:1-4

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Glorious Impossible"

Westminster Choir

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

"THE GUARD'S STORY"
(a first-person sermon)

Rev. John Helgeson

***HYMN No. 233**

"The Day of Resurrection"

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING HYMN No. 243**

"Be Not Afraid"

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

***POSTLUDE**

Gloria Patri

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Acts 10:34-43
(Responsive reading)

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,

but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them.

"Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn in your **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings today!

If you choose, you may face the cross during the singing of the Gloria Patri in recognition of what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

The Thursday Morning Bible study group meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. They will be starting a new book He Set His Face to Jerusalem.

The Young Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge down by the gym. They are studying The Story.

The Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the parlor. Led by Rev. Helgeson, they are studying 1 Corinthians.

The Sadie Willaredt Scholarship is presented every year to one or more students enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the first time or who are continuing their studies. Applications are available in the church office. Applications will be received through May 1st.

The Mission Committee will be collecting items for HOPE of East Central Illinois. Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Items currently needed by HOPE are: Wal-Mart gift cards, phone cards, gas cards, women's and children's underwear, socks, and pajamas. **Join us for Coffee and Doughnuts** in the Fellowship Hall before or after the Worship Service.

Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall. **April-Hamburger Helper**

Mission Committee – During May, we will be collecting items which have been requested by PADS which include paper products such as napkins, cups, plates, towels, Kleenex and toilet paper. Also requested was plastic eating utensils, styrofoam cups and laundry soap. On Tuesday, April 22 at 5 p.m., exam kits for our college students will be packed. Please join us in this project!

Quilters will be meeting April 24th at 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are in need of people to press, pin and for sewing.

It is once again time for you to join the Circle of Friends which is sponsored by the Heartland **Christian Village Auxiliary**. By your donation you will help the residents of Heartland Christian Village by providing some much needed amenities that they would not otherwise receive. In the past year the funds have been used to purchase new tablecloths, a cart to be used when moving a resident into the home, a speaker for the chaplain to use, flowers and birdseed for the grounds outside of the residents windows, Christmas parties for the residents, nursing supplies, magazines, and many other things. Several of our members have been in the Heartland home at one time or another and I'm sure they would tell you how much the residents appreciate these many gifts. If you are interested in giving a donation to help the auxiliary continue to bless the lives of these residents please see Alice Jeisy or Carol Ann Parker.

The lilies today have been given by:

David & Kathy Beavers in memory of our parents Iris Beaver, Stan & Lois Wielgopolan
Florence Beck in memory of Jean Jarvis
Joe & Connie Buescher & families in memory of our parents
Jan Cornell in memory of Gene & our parents
Leon & Karen Huffmaster in memory of loved ones
Eleanor Icenogle in memory of Lester Icenogle
Sam & Dorothy Irwin in memory of Sam Sr. & Helen Irwin, Walter & Dorothy Stelmach
Rae Miller in memory of loved ones
Barclay & Blanche Mills in memory of our loved ones
Tom & Kathy Oakley in memory of our loved ones
Jerry & Carol Ann Parker in memory of our loved ones
Bob & Nancy Plummer in memory of Laura Hurst & family members
Dorothy Phillips in memory of my parents Miner & Florence Douglas
Dave & Phyllis Sardella in memory of our parents
Harry & Juanita Sidenstricker in memory of our parents
John & Jo Swick in memory of our parents



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Young Adults' Sunday
School

Tuesday, April 22nd

4:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Mtg.
5:00 p.m. Mission
6:00 p.m. Session
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers

Wednesday, April 23rd

5:30 p.m. Kids Club

Thursday, April 24th

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. PEO

Friday, April 25th

6:00 p.m. Kids Movie Night

Sunday, April 27

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Young Adults' Sunday
School
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m. MS/HS Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Vespers

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