

May 25, 2014



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING CHIMES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus will come for us,

People: and bring us to our eternal home.

Leader: Heaven is real,

People: and Jesus promises to prepare a place for us.

All: Christians, the promise is sure-heaven awaits us!

*HYMN No. 838 “*For All the Saints*” (please be seated after hymn)

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsively)

Leader: When despite the promise of Jesus, we let the fear of death overwhelm us,

People: we sin and need the forgiveness of our Lord. Leader: Therefore, let us now use the prayer of confession provided.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O grace and eternal love that you are, O Jesus, forgive us when we hear death knocking, and we want to run away. Have mercy upon us when we find it hard to place those we love in your eternal arms. Remind us again that you are the risen one, and you are our Lord now and forever. We can trust you through death itself, because you went there first. Thanks be to you, O Jesus, Amen.

PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Since the sting of death is overcome in Jesus, we can be in the Lord here and now. In grateful response, we offer these gifts to your holy service, O Lord. Use them in this your church, we pray through your Holy Spirit, Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 730**

"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 14:1-6

FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES

I Corinthians 15:53:57

MUSIC MINISTRY

Westminster Choir

"A Memorial Day Tribute"

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 5:6-11 and II Corinthians 5:1

SERMON

EMILY DICKINSON: DEATH AND ETERNITY IN CHRIST

Rev. John Helgeson

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.

***HYMN No. 375** *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING HYMN No. 701** *“Sanctuary”*
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
sanctuary for you.

***POSTLUDE**

John 14:1-6

(Responsive reading)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:6-11 and II Corinthians 5:1

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have served in our country's defense and given their lives. Also, we honor and uphold people in this church who have gone to glory. Blessed too are your family and friends who are with the Lord.

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 are using the book He Set His Face to Jerusalem. Copies are available.

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.

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. **May-Cake Mixes**

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 were plastic eating utensils, styrofoam cups and laundry soap.

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.

Priscilla Circle will not meet again until September.

Esther Circle Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 28th 9:30 -2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The set-up date for the sale will be Friday, June 27th. The money from the sale goes to mission projects and needs in the church. If you have any books you would like to donate for the sale please bring them to the church between now and June 27th.

Quilt for Kemmerer Village We will meet on May 29, 9:30-2:00. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Come and check out the progress of the quilt. Any questions, call Elsie Carter, 235-6589.

Kids Movie Night will be on Friday, May 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will watch a family-friendly movie, enjoy snacks, and have fun together. Children ages 4-12 are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. In April, we had 18 children attend.

Mark your calendar - Vacation Bible School will be June 9-13.

Senior Youth Group will be bowling **today**, 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet at the Church and go on from there. **Sunday Evening Vespers and Pizza** will be **today** 5:30-7:00 p.m. If anyone would like to come early to have time to socialize, the church will be open at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex so we will know how much food to prepare.

We will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, May 29th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please sign up today in the Narthex to reserve your time.

Presbyterians Today Magazine - If you would like to subscribe to Presbyterians Today at the special rate of \$12.48 for one year, please see Nancy C. Page or leave the following in the Church Office: your name, mailing address, and a check payable to the Church for \$12.48, write Presbyterians Today on the memo line of your check, no later than May 30.

June 8th is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear red to church that Sunday and/or bring a red geranium to be planted on the church grounds.

Kids Club raised \$81.23 for Kemmerer Village Summer Enrichment Program with its recent Coloring Contest. In the Pre-K to First Grade category, Lainey Nolte took first place and Andrew Montgomery took second place. In the Second-Fifth Grade category, Teygen Sewell took first place and Mia DeNaso took second place. Many thanks to everyone who generously supported this effort!

A work day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th at 8:00 a.m. Any non-Building and Grounds members are welcome to help. If you know of any work that needs to be done around the church please let us know.

Six Flags-On July 12, Saturday, First Presbyterian Youth Groups will be heading to Six Flags in St. Louis. During the day, we will enjoy all the park has to offer and then attend a Christian concert (also in the park) that evening. We will leave the Church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 12:30 a.m. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the Church office at 234-6722. First Presbyterian Church will provide transportation and one-half of the cost of the tickets. Therefore, the cost is \$17.50, due no later than June 8, to me or to the Church office. Also, please plan on bringing enough money to eat on, buy souvenirs, etc. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Toby Montgomery.

Chaperones Needed-Chaperones are needed for the Six Flags trip. Please see above for details. If you would like to spend the day walking/riding in the park and hanging out with some great kids, please contact Toby Montgomery.

If you would be interested in joining the church, please contact the pastor or the church office.

We need **YOU....our VETERANS.....**to ride or walk with the First Presbyterian Church's float in this year's 4th of July parade. If you are interested, please let Toby Montgomery or Connie Buescher know.....thanks so much....we look forward to honoring you!!

J. C. and Joyce Moore will be celebrating their 65th Wedding anniversary on May 28th. If you would like to send a card their address is 1145 W. Arbor Drive #214 Decatur, IL 62526.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 25

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
3:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
5:30 p.m. Vespers

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

1:00 p.m. Dulcimers
6:00 p.m. Session
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers

Thursday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 30

6:00 p.m. Kids Movie Night

Sunday, June 1

Graduation Sunday

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Graduation Reception
2:00 p.m. SMS

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