

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 12, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

*Please stand if able

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In today's Scripture readings, we learn of the God who lovingly shepherds us through the trials and joys of life. In John's Gospel, we see Jesus the Good Shepherd making his astonishing declaration of being one with the God. He calls us to hear his voice, which carries the full weight of divine authority. In Revelation Jesus is worshiped as the Lamb of God, who laid down his life in sacrifice for those he loves. The multitude of saints who believe will fall down in eternal worship of the God who promises to wipe away every tear.

PRELUDE

A Meditation on "Brother James's Air" (Psalm 23)
Tribute

Harold Darke
Craig Phillips

INTROIT - sing two times

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert Martin

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Andersen Trachsel

L: Goodness is stronger than evil.

P: Love is stronger than hate.

L: Light is stronger than darkness.

P: Life is stronger than death.

L: Victory is ours through Jesus, who loved us and loves us still.

P: Let us worship our Easter God!

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

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 now and forever. Amen.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, your command for us to love one another across all differences opens us up to new horizons. Yet we confess we often respond to that call with fear and judgment. We hinder your love for us and for all your people. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us an honest repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri - 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 and Amen.

***Passing the Peace and Greetings**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Puppet Ministry

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)

ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

(The choir dedicates this to the Trachsel family for their years of service in the church)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, To shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you And give you peace, and give you peace. Amen

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Risen Lord Jesus, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command as we hear your holy word; in your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (page 501 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Trachsel

Acts 9:36-43 (page 123 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Life of Discipleship

Rev. Robert Martin

***HYMN 387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Robert Hobby

***Doxology - 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** (in unison)

We've heard, O God, that you love a cheerful giver, so we offer you our lives and our resources with joy. We dedicate our time, our money, and our skills to continue spreading the good news to your world. May all that we have and all that we are be used in the service of your justice and mercy. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Wilbur Held

Worshipping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children’s Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children’s Moment.
- * Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children’s moment.

2019 Graduate Info

Ben King, son of Larry and Mindy King, sings in the choir and will graduating and attending Capital University in voice performance next year.

Abigail Tadlock, daughter of David and Katie Tadlock, graduates from Athens High School on June 1st. She will be attending Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA in the fall, where she has been named a 21st Century Scholar. Abigail plans to study Math, French and Environmental Science.

Megan O’Leary, daughter of Daniel and Jennifer O’Leary, granddaughter of Jim and Pat Frost, great granddaughter of Mildred Woodburn, will graduate from Triad High School in Illinois. She will attend the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraisers

THIS SATURDAY, May 18th - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Scrap metal drive, OU Convo
May 25th - 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Rummage Sale, Christ the King Church

Community Dinner and Silent Auction

Benefit on behalf of Andrew Bianco

Thursday, May 16th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Stuart’s Opera House

Joe and Amy Bianco are members of FPC and the Athens community. Their son, Andrew, has been diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive type of childhood cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma. He has ongoing therapies including surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy in Columbus on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. This is a fundraiser to help alleviate the family’s financial strain. There is NO cost to attend the event. There will be a dinner and silent auction. If you plan to attend, please RSVP in one of three ways to help with planning: Facebook (Rising Appalachia – Events), orr.kent@risingappalachia.or or (214) 532-5503. Can’t make the benefit? To make a monetary donation, please make check paying to Rising Appalachia with “Bianco Benefit” in the memo line and mail to: Rising Appalachia, 9432 OH 682, Athens, OH 45701.

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.

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9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart
Organist: Janice Robison
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Deacon of the Month - A friend to call in time of need

Martha Johnson - (740) 677-0034 - mjohnson049@columbus.rr.com

Chancel Prep - Helen King (flowers from Betty Lacy)

Ushers - Margaret Bourke and Margie Shelton

Liturgist - Andersen Trachsel

Puppeteers - Bobbi Conliffe and Neal Nesbitt

Fellowship - Paul and Joyce Mullins

Church Activities for the Week

SUNDAY, May 12th - Mother's Day

- 9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room
- 10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship, Sanctuary
- Following the Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3
- 11:35 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 11:45 A.M. - Earth Justice Group meeting, library

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**MON., 13th - Noon - Al-Anon, library**

- 6:00 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 14th - Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meeting, home of Lillian Dinos, 29 Briarwood Drive**

- Noon - Bible study, library

**WED., 15th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

- Noon - Women of Faith book study and group luncheon for Kirsten Trachsel, Lui Lui's
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

**THURS., 16th - 6:30 P.M. - Church Community Committee meeting, Library**

- 7:30 P.M. - Session, fellowship hall

**FRI., 17th - Office summer hours begin - close at noon on Fridays**

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SUNDAY, May 19th

- 10:00 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall
- 10:30 A.M. - Worship, Sanctuary
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**Thank You!** "Thank you to all who sent cards and shared concerns regarding my recent hospital stay. I'm doing better each day. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Hope to see you all soon." ~~ Mildred Woodburn

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PW Fundraiser - "Women Who Have Influenced Our Lives" - On May 26th, the church bulletin will have an insert to honor the women in our lives. Please fill out this form with the names of sisters, aunts, mothers, grandmothers, teachers, doctors, clergy, professional women, etc. whom you would like to remember for their positive influence on your life. A contribution of \$1.00 is requested to list each name. Place the form and money in the envelope for the offering, or give it to the Presbyterian Women's Treasurer, Marjorie Malcom. This is a project of Presbyterian Women who will use the money for mission projects such as My Sister's Place, Good Works, Athens County Food Pantry, and Mission Co-Workers - Mark Hare and Jenny Bent. May 20th is the deadline for submitting names. (see insert)

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**Fellowship Hosts Volunteers** - Are you willing to host Fellowship Hour after the church service some Sunday? If so, please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. During the week prior to your Sunday, you will receive a letter with full instructions. Simple snacks will be fine. No cooking skills required! Thank you!

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Trail Mix Ministry Assembly - May's snack bag assembly will be a week early, **Sunday, May 19th**, due to the Mission Trip, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it). In kind donations are appreciated.

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**Earth Justice Group Green Tip** - This Saturday, May 18th, is a great opportunity to recycle. There will be a major recycling event from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in the Ohio University Convo Parking lot, #127 including scrap metal for Habitat for Humanity, hazardous waste and much more!