

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Christ Our Purpose
A Celebration of our Common Life
May 18, 2014

11:00 a.m.



We Gather in God's Name

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.
Where you see an asterisk (*) please stand if you are able.*

Words in *Italics* are read by the leader;
words in **bold**, by the congregation.

For Meditation before Worship (for personal use before worship)

*How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

Fred Pratt Green

Prelude

Morning Overture

JRG

Words of Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.
Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.
Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

May God be with you.

And also with you.

*Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time,
be with us in this time.*

*Savior of the world, healer of the nations,
be with us in this place.*

*Breath of all that lives, of people near and far,
stir within our lives.*

**Maker, Spirit, Son,
God of here and now,
be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways
to be present in your world. Amen.**

* Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House, verses 1 & 5

Two Oaks

305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

Darwall's 148th

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;

for seen and unseen splendors;

Thank you, God.

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships

shared from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work;

for the comradeship of labor;

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

for healing our diseases;

for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called;

for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;

for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit,

who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;

for our hope in him;

and for the joy of serving him;

We thank and praise you, Eternal God,

for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

*** Response of Praise** (singing together)

For the Gifts of Beauty, Joy and Light

Solomon

1. For the gifts of beau - ty joy and light We give thanks to you, O
2. For — all that's kind and good and true We give thanks to you, O
God. For the laugh-ter and the tears be - sides We give thank to you, O
God. Let us learn to live in grat - i - tude We give thanks to you, O
God. We give thanks, we give thanks to you, O God; all our
thanks and praise they could nev-er be e - nough. For the chance to learn and
love and — give We give thanks to you, O God.

*** Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*** Welcoming One Another**

We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.
Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to
The Worship Bridge. They will return to worship later in the service.*

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.

Anthem 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg



Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Page 886; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

A Prayer for our Common Life

- * **Hymn 320** The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham



Second Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Page 8; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

A Prayer for our Calling

- * **Hymn 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am (Schutte)



Third Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Page 984; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

A Note of Thanks to Elders and Deacons

- * **Hymn 303** God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian Church United
in verse 2, please sing "may all elders"



The Offering

Offertory Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Thomason

- * **Doxology 654** (*singing together*) *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

- * **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us give thanks to the living God.

We thank God with joy.

(We stand quietly as the liturgist offers a prayer.)



Fourth Lesson: Psalm 31:1-10, 14-16

Page 439; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

A Prayer for our Inner Life

- * **Hymn 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me Green Tyler

Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Concern

Concluding Prayer *(together)*

God of grace, you cause the sun to rise
and chase away the shadows of death.
Each day you promise resurrection,
that we may be born again to new life
and overcome all that would hurt or destroy.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may be alive again
with the power and peace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.



Fifth Lesson: John 14:1-14

Page 877; pew Bible

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Thanks be to God!

Prayer for the Unity and Mission of the Church

* **Response 466** Come and Fill Our Hearts *Confitemini Domino*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

* **Invitation to Discipleship**

* **Hymn 295** Go to the World! *Sine Nomine*

* **Closing Responses**

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer God

Offerings which cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and to serve;

We will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of love,

God in community, holy and one.

* **Benediction**

* **Response 598** Amen, We Praise Your Name *Amen Siakadumisa*

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen siakudumisa!

* **Postlude**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or child needs care or becomes disruptive during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system that will alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8 & 11 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 11 a.m. service.

Worship folders and crayons for children are available at the usher's table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave the sanctuary. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

If you are new to First Church

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship, the red pad in the pew.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Handicap entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household. This one-session class is the way to become a member of First Church. The next orientation is **Sunday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact our co-pastors Sue or Morton.

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