

**First Presbyterian Church
Celebrating
Trinity Sunday
&
Recognition of our Graduates**



May 22, 2016

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE

With the first notes of the organ, please silently prepare yourself for worship.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 322

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you as **Father**,
for you have created us and call us your children.
We praise you as **Son**,
for you have redeemed us by sacrificing yourself for us.
We praise you as **Holy Spirit**,
for you energize us and enable us to live a victorious life.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

It's tempting, holy God, to make excuses.
Others are worse than we are.
At least we tried.
Everybody else is doing it.
Nobody's perfect.
We simply made a wrong choice.
We had some bad experiences in childhood.
But in the end we rely not on our excuses, but on your grace;
not on our reasons, but on your love,
which we receive with gratitude in the name of Jesus our Savior.

***PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

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.

TO HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD...

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children ages 5 and under are excused to go downstairs following our Children's time.

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3

Pew Bible Page #510

ANTHEM

“O Lord, Our God, How Excellent”

O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Thy Name!
Thy glory Thou hast spread afar
In all the starry frame.
When I regard the wondrous heav'ns
The moon and stars on high,
I feel Thy presence with Thy child,
For Thou art always nigh,
On man Thy wisdom hath bestowed
A pow'r well nigh divine;
With honor Thou hast crown'd his head
With glory like to Thine.
Thy mighty works and wondrous grace
Thy glory, Lord, proclaim.
O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Thy Name!
How excellent Thy Name!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28

Pew Bible Pg#919

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Keep Growing”

Rev. John Wamsley

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 333**

“Seek Ye First”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.

The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.

The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe.

Yet, the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus

love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.

We believe the Holy Spirit works today

whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.

As long as we live we struggle with sin,

but the Spirit's presence assures us

God will complete what he has begun in us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 592**

Doxology

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

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

*** HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 343**

Beecher

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION (See Insert)**

**“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak
You Are My All in All”**

***POSTLUDE**

***Note: An ‘*’ invites all who can do so comfortably will stand.**

To Our Guests: We are happy to have you worship with us today. We invite you to join us each Sunday, as we worship and study God's word. If you would like more information concerning our church, you may fill out one of the *Welcome Cards* in the pews and place it in the offering plate, talk to the ushers or call the church office, 850-526-2430.

Nursery Care is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning.

The **Flowers gracing our Sanctuary this morning** are given to the Glory of God, and for the love of families by Gene and Ethel Pelt.

Our Prayer Calendar: Jane Powell, Tom Carpenter (requested by family), Sybil Schmidt King, (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Beth Westmoreland, (requested by family), Bud Wierman (requested by family) Paige Lawson (requested by family) Frankie Stewart, Guy Green (requested by family), Janie Pulliam (requested by family), Melanie Turner McCroan (requested by family), Daniel Bilik (requested by Fran McNeill), Brandon Stewart (requested by family), Louise Pumphrey (requested by family), Gail Stearn, Guy Green's sister, (requested by family), J R Gortemoller (requested by family), Elizabeth Littleton Walker (requested by Stanley Littleton), Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson), Destry Burch and Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Bob Ward and Michael Ward (requested by Mary Wierman), Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, JoAnn Rountree.

Food Pantry News

*Tuesday, May 24th

Baggers will meet at 3:30

Volunteers: Amy Norville, Marsha Rodgers, and Lee Shook

*Wednesday, May 25th

Volunteers: Mary Ann Gibbs, Marianne Lonsinger, Ginger Green,
Frankie Stewart, and Alan Barber

During the month of April our food pantry served **479** families.

***If you would like to volunteer as a worker with the Food Pantry, please contact Susie Barber at Ph 850-209-1403 or e-mail: barber.susie@gmail.com**

This Week in the Life of the Church

Today Food Pantry Offering
Recognition of Graduates

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bagging for the Food Pantry at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Marianna Garden Club 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday NA Group at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday (May 29) Memorial Day Emphasis
World Missions Offering
Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Monday (May 30) Office Closed for Memorial Day

Pastor: Rev. John Wamsley
Elder of the month: John Milton
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Church Administrator: Kathleen Evans
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Becky Strickland
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Tina Bigale and Carlee Wilson

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**Pastor John has a daily devotion on radio station WJAQ =100.9~~
7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our worship
services (Sundays @11:00 a.m.) will be broadcast live each week.**

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