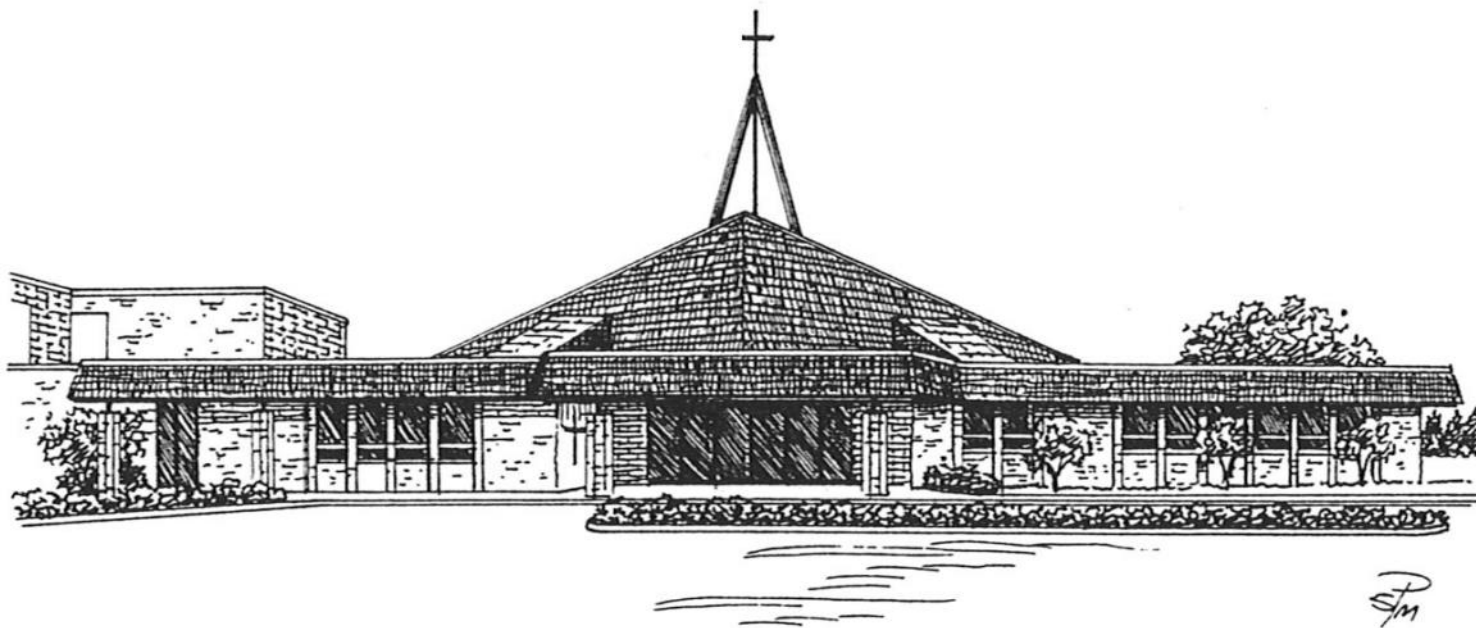


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M. (CST)

APRIL 14, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Please silence your phones.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 4

One: Answer me when I call, O God!

Many: **Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

One: Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

Many: **the Lord hears when I call to him.**

One: Offer right sacrifices

Many: **and put your trust in the Lord.**

One: I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

Many: **for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

*HYMN

As the Deer

No. 626

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, the Scriptures tell us that if we say that we have not sinned, we tell a falsehood, however if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us. We come to you now, as the first disciples did, with all of ourselves, our shortcomings as well as our good intentions, our moments of faith and our moments of doubt and disbelief, our times of generosity and giving as well as times when we are closed in on ourselves. We ask for your forgiveness for both what we have done amiss and what we have left undone amiss. Knowing ourselves to be held in your love and your grace, we bring our whole selves to you in the moment of silent confession.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved! Hear and confess with me the good news of the Gospel:

Many: **In Christ we are forgiven, in Christ we are held, in Christ, we are loved beyond our wildest imaginings! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* PRAISE RESPONSE *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* No. 538

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Likewise, greet each other in Christian love.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Hebrews 12:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-49

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *You Are My Witnesses* Rev. Julia Zhao

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN *Take My Life* No. 697

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church at Work *Presbys Take on Stewardship*

* HYMN *You Are Holy* No. 705

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(Refrain only)

GLIMPSES OF VIBRANCY

- ◆ Providing hope and more than 30 crates containing our prayers, pieces of scripture and reflections, and food and supplies to the clients of Hilltop Neighborhood House’s food pantry as a spiritual practice during Lent
- ◆ Planning spiritual practices to prepare for Pentecost and engaging with spiritual practices in new ways by sharing conversations and fellowship through a small group book study
- ◆ Worshipping in our lived-language that says in spite of our crawling or pushing away or wandering or denial, we pray that God will tether, forgive, call us out of where we are stuck and into authentic service with those entrusted to our care

GRATITUDE FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Sexton:

Open: Rick Exley Deacon on Call: Joy Dirks
Close: Paul Knauff

Liturgist: Betty Richardson Children's Moment: Leila Buford

Ushers: Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Molly

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for scholarships and service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> and the church office. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 9, 2024:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Attn: Scholarship Committee

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact committee members: Jason Gordon (jrgordon@comcast.net); Connie Knauff (pcknauff@comcast.net); Doug Hollar (djhollar@comcast.net); or Cathy Greenawald (cathygreenawald@comcast.net)

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- ◆ Building congregational vitality
- ◆ Dismantling structural racism
- ◆ Eradicating systemic poverty

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Sensible Shoes Book Club	101, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 15, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101

Thursday, April 18, 2024

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 19, 2024

6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room
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Saturday, April 20, 2024

1:00 PM	Mission Team NWIAA	Friendship Room
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*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel.



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DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn in the church office at: dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

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