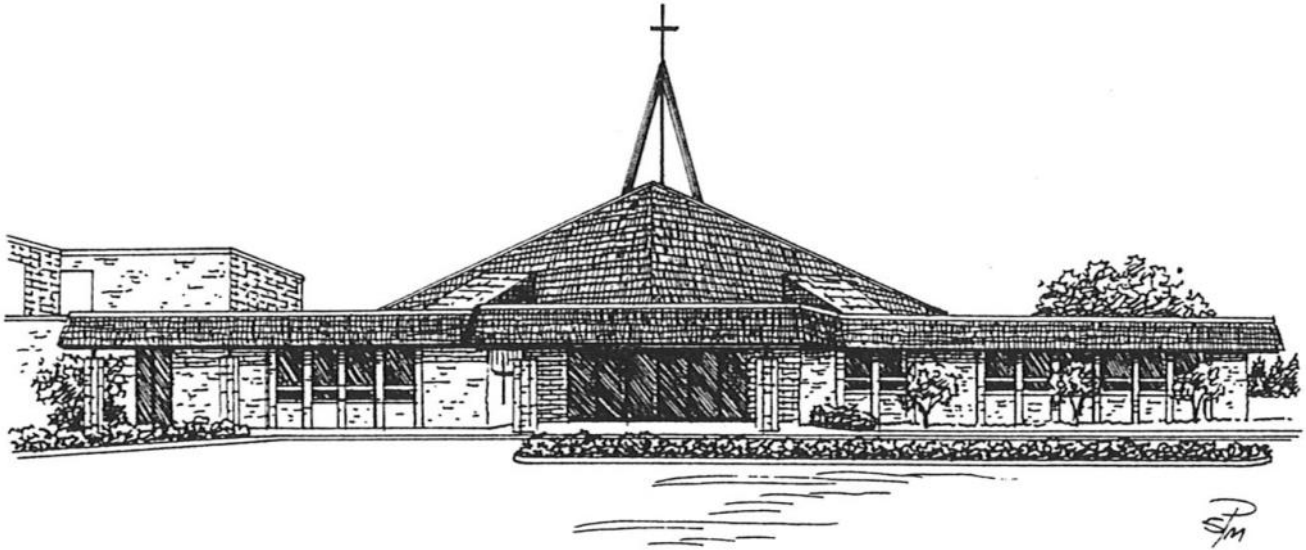


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M. (CDT)

MAY 21, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Please silence your phones.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Church at Work

Prayer Vigil

Chris Hoham

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

All: and his faithfulness to all generations. Praise be to God!

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 450

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that in a world filled with many voices, we have often failed to hear your voice, choosing instead to respond to the popular and the near at hand. You have poured out the gift of your Spirit in our Baptism, but we have given in to a spiritless life of routines. You have confirmed in us your covenant of love, but we have conformed to the general lovelessness which surrounds us. Forgive us this day, for claiming our name in Christ and living a nameless existence. May the spirit of promises spoken blend this day with promises renewed, that we might be restored to a sense of what is needful for our wholeness as persons.

Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

* PRAISE RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 240 (*refrain*)

GLIMPSES OF VIBRANCY

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.**

- ◆ Recognizing Mother’s Day and acknowledging the many emotions that can be involved.
- ◆ Great music by the Choir offering several of its “favorites” (they voted) from the past nine months.
- ◆ iEngage Team’s role explained and the many opportunities to participate identified beyond the wannabe “techno geeks.” Many interesting and valuable ways to be involved in the life of the church.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Live the Life

**Chorus: For the world to know the truth
There could be no greater proof
Than to live the life live the life
There's no love that's quite as pure
There's no pain we can't endure
If we live the life live the life
Be a light for all to see
For ev'ry act of love will set you free**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:9-14

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

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Bring What You Have, Take What You Need

Rev. Ken Crews

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN

We Are an Offering

No. 710

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMAND – Noelle Kukler

One: Our salvation comes not from any works of righteousness that we have done, but from the mercy of God through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

All: **God pours out this Spirit upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by grace, we might become heirs to the hope of eternal life.**

Profession of Faith

Affirmation of Faith

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith saying the Apostles’ Creed.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Oil

Welcome & Presentation of Gifts

One: . . . May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

* HYMN The Summons No. 726

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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GRATITUDE FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Ron Phillips Ushers: Amy Press, Ryne Press
Sexton: Elder on
Open: Matthew Byerly Call: Ron Phillips
Close: Ron Phillips
Musicians: Emma, John Lawson, Jeff Whitney Readers: Andrew, Emily, Evey, Gavin, Heather Crews, Leah
Church at Work: Chris Hoham Children’s Moment: Leila Buford

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SUMMER PADS MINISTRY

Summer PADS has started up in six churches; and help is needed. The needs are:

- 1. Overnight supervision in one church.
2. Transportation Friday evenings around 7:00 p.m. from New Creation to Open Door near Kouts.

If you can help, please contact Beth at bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964.

Offering/gifts to the church are received in the offering plates, mailed to the church, online at fpcvalpo.org and via electronic transfer.

Grateful for all.

MISSION STATEMENT: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ’s Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



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

presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Potluck Luncheon	FPC
11:00 AM	Nominating Committee	101
12:00 PM	Campaign Team	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	FPC

Monday, May 22, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room

Thursday, May 25, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 26, 2023

Saturday, May 27, 2023

*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship outside under the pavilion first and third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and inside the sanctuary all other Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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