

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 20, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist:

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

PEOPLE: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
Psalm 95:1-2

*WE SING AND PRAISE HYMN #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (remain standing)

*WE PREPARE TO APPROACH GOD "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

WE ARE SINNERS IN GOD'S SIGHT (confession of our sinfulness)

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, You have created us to know You, to love You and to serve You. In Your great love, You have breathed Your Spirit into us. It is in You that we find purpose and meaning for our lives, and apart from You, we have no purpose, no meaning and no hope. Forgive us for every way that we deny our essential relationship with You, and our essential relationship with one another as Your children. Draw us near to You and closer to one another that we may fulfill Your loving purposes and experience the fullness of life lived devoted and committed to loving and serving You and Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. AMEN!

SILENT ADMISSIONS TO GOD

WE ARE FORGIVEN SINNERS IN GOD'S SIGHT

HOW THEN ARE WE TO LIVE? Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers. In gratitude to God, this is our vow: to live this way. AMEN! **[Romans 12]**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, faithfully and lovingly you bring us into relationship with one another so that we might know your world more fully and your people more intimately. Teach us how better to serve and work together. Give us the courage to follow Jesus Christ in the work of peace, justice and reconciliation. For it is in his name we pray. And all God's people said. **AMEN!**

ANTHEM

Savannah Davis

SCRIPTURE READING (New Testament, pg. 212)

I Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-27

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Eyes, Ears, Hand, and Feet"

Dr. Richard Deal

*WHAT WE BELIEVE Apostles Creed

{Together}

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*IN PRAISE TO GOD THE FATHER – Gloria Patri (Hymnal #579)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

WE GIVE TO GOD

*SONG OF PRAISE – Doxology (Hymnal #592)

*WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO GOD

{Pray Together}

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; bring all creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN!

*WE SING AND PRAISE HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit" (*see insert*)

*OUR LEAVING WORSHIP AND OUR ENTERING THE WORLD

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The congregation is invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU WHO WORSHIPS WITH US TODAY AS OUR GUEST. We are grateful to have you with us and invite you to return. *We are striving to be a place where people from all walks of life may come and be a part of Christ's body. In keeping Christ first, we claim this vision: **We look up. We join together. We bring in. We grow deep. We go out to further God's work in our broken world. We are praying that God will lead others, perhaps you, to join with us in that venture.***

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Christ prays for unity, not uniformity. Where there are great pressures for uniformity, we should be suspicious. Christians do not have to look, dress, think and act alike. The church is not an assembly line producing only Fords.
[Joe Aldrich]

TODAY'S CHURCH GREETER IS MARTHA DIXON.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to glorify God and in loving memory of George, Evelyn, Mary Sue and Louise Tarbox.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, May 20th	6:00 p.m.	Covered Dish for Tornado Relief Workers
Tuesday, May 22 nd	6:00 p.m.	Second Harvest
Wednesday, May 23 rd	5:30 p.m.	Stated Meeting of the Session
Thursday, May 24 th	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, May 24 th	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice

The next group of tornado relief workers will arrive on this evening, May 20th. We will have a congregational covered dish meal to welcome them and show our southern hospitality. The meat will be provided by the church. The time will be at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite covered dish.

We would like everyone to feel that they are a part of First Presbyterian Church and its ministry to help those who have been affected by the tornados that hit our area. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact either Martha Dixon or Judy Armstrong. Examples of ways you can help: homemade cookies, snacks, helping to prepare two meals, etc. (contact Jackie Sargent).

Next Sunday we will be collecting our annual Pentecost Offering which will go toward the greater mission work of the church. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

A special "thank you" to our organist, choir director, and choir for their dedication in providing beautiful music during our weekly Sunday worship service. We appreciate you!!