

Welcome to Our Guests!

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lounge after the service. We're glad you're here!

This Morning's Schedule

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children through age 3
- ◆ **Young Children & Worship**, for children age 4 thru 3rd grade, meets in the Chapel after the Children's Message

10:00 a.m. Growing in Faith

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children thru age 3
- ◆ **Children's Shine!**
 - 3 & 4 year-olds: Room 12
 - 3rd/4th Grade: Room 18
 - Young 5's and K: Room 13
 - 5th/6th Grade: Room 20
 - 1st/2nd Grade: Room 16/17
- ◆ **Risen:** Movie & Discussion—Recreation Room
- ◆ **Bible Study**—*The Book of Revelation*, Conference Room
- ◆ **TedTalks:** Exploring inter-faith perspectives, Room 3
- ◆ **Enneagram:** An Ancient & Dynamic Personality Typology, Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **The Wired Word**—Discussion topics for today's Christian, Room 5

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children through age 3
- ◆ **Young Children & Worship** meets after the Children's Message
 - 4, 5 year-olds, & K: Room 16
 - 1st—3rd grade: Chapel

12:30 pm. Parent Meeting/Puerto Rico Youth Mission Trip to

⇒ Calling all parents of high students going on the Puerto Rico mission trip—please attend this meeting in Fellowship Hall

9:45 am-12 noon Blood Pressure Clinic in the Church Office

One in every four adults -- some 50 million people in the USA alone -- have high blood pressure. But many people are unaware that they have the condition. Stop by the church office to keep a check on this "silent killer."



New Classes! Begin This Morning During Growing in Faith Hour

Pick-up a Detailed Listing at the Welcome Desk

- **The Wired Word:** Room 5, facilitated by Tim Stoecker
- **A Study on the Book of Revelation:** Conference Room. lead by Hazel Kragt
- **Enneagram:** Fellowship Hall, with Caleb Zokoe
- **TedTalks:** Room 3, with Jill VanderWal (This morning's class led by Pastor Troy)
- The 2016 film **Risen, Movie and Discussion:** Recreation Room, with Jeff Terrill

It's Time to Freshen Our Look!

Springtime is here and the church yard is getting *spring cleanup* ready to burst out in bloom - but first we need to clean it up a bit.

Please come out on Saturday morning, April 29, at 9:00 to help rake up leaves and spread mulch (we'll even make the coffee!). If you can't make it on Saturday, call the church office to find out how you can help during the week! Thank you very much!



The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory and honor of God in celebration of our family by Paul & Winnie McNergney



Worship Leaders

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Marc Felt, The Gathering Band Leader

Participants: Carillon Ringers, The Gathering Music Team

Greeters: 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Clinton Street Lee & Pat Elenbaas Kathy Clark
The Gathering Area Henni Campbell Neil & Pamela Blake
Portico Ken & Betty Johnson Jan Mayhew

Nursery: Marta McNergney, Jennifer Winslow
Readers: 8:45 a.m. Kelli Jullie 11:00 a.m. Emma Rotman
Usher Team #5: Michelle Potter, Head Usher

Our Church Family & Friends

Prayer requests: Fran Wilson, Sue Roper, Kathy McCloskey, Evelyn Wood, Barbara Stockman, Margaret & Stewart Johnson, and Sandy Teunis

Thank you cookie bakers: Kim Beber, Rachel Cotton, Lola Fuhs, Elsie Kraai, Paula Parker, and Marge Coffey

Inquirer's Class



New Member/Inquirers Class: 10 a.m. on Sundays May 7, 14 & 21

Are you thinking about joining FPC, or do you just have questions about what Presbyterians believe? Sign up for our New Members/Inquirers class. Contact Karen 842-6760; (knienhouse@fpgh.org) in the church office to sign up!

Weekday Class Offering:
Wednesday, April 26 3:30-5 p.m.
The Holy Lands
with Brigitte Kemink

Brigitte is a student at Western Theological Seminary and has been serving at First Presbyterian Grand Haven as her internship learning site. In January Brigitte traveled to Israel and Palestine and visited various Biblically historic sites. Join her as she shares stories and pictures of her trip, as well as their historical significance.

SAVE THE DATES

- **April 23**—Community Artist & Speaker Series Presents: Gina Morgano, Soprano
- **April 29**—Grounds Clean-up 9 a.m. until 12 noon
- **May 28**—Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon Installation Service
- **June 11**—West Michigan Whitecaps Game held at Fifth Third Ballpark, GR
- **June 25**—First Annual Golf Scramble "Fun" Raiser at Pigeon Creek Golf Course
- **June 26-30**—V.B.S.
- **September 10**—All Church Picnic at Pottawatomie Park
- **October 13-15**—2nd Annual All Church Retreat at Gull Lake Retreat & Conference Grounds

More information available in FPC's Weekly Updates; Tidings; and Website: www.fpgh.org



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

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2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Meditation to Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

If the God you believe in as an idea doesn't start showing up in what happens to you in your own life, you have as much cause for concern as if the God you don't believe in as an idea does start showing up.

It is absolutely crucial, therefore, to keep in constant touch with what is going on in your own life's story and to pay close attention to what is going on in the stories of others' lives. If God is present anywhere, it is in those stories that God is present. If God is not present in those stories, then you might as well give up the whole business.

Frederick Buechner
Whistling in the Dark

Our Vision:

We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8: 45 A.M.



Please check-in online before you silence all electronic devices

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church!

If you do not have a church home in the Grand Haven area, we invite you to make our church yours. We are an open congregation and we welcome you.

PREPARING

PRELUDE – *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please feel free to use the Prayer Request Cards in your pew, and place it in the offering plate. Your request will be added to the confidential prayer chain.

INTROIT – *Creation's Dawn* Sondra K. Tucker

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to me, all you who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!
On you the light shines!

Many: **For Jesus Christ is the light of the world and this is the story; the light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out!**

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. I am the bright and morning star."

Many: **We join with the angels in their hymns of praise; Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, Alleluia!**

One: Christ is risen!

Many: **He is risen indeed!**

*OPENING HYMN 236 – *The Strife Is O'er*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

People: **May God be with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May God be with you as you worship here.

People: **Go in peace.**

Children through age 3 are welcome in nursery. Children age 4 through 3rd grade meet in the chapel for Young Children & Worship. All others remain in worship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Scott Stanley

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming, this side of Easter we acknowledge our faithlessness.

We have borne witness to your resurrection, but we have lived for ourselves, with no eye on eternity. Forgive us. Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. (followed by silent confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation - the old life is over and a new life has begun.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*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.

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON – Psalm 19
SECOND LESSON – Acts 22:1-16

p. 433 pew Bible
p. 907 pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Telling Your Story* Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONDING

*CONFESSION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 753 – *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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.

OFFERTORY – *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Jeff Blumenkrantz
Gina Morgano, soloist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CONCLUDING HYMN 265 – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

One: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

Many: **We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace

POSTLUDE – *Prelude and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

*for those who are able, please stand

The Gathering

11:00 Worship Service @ 1st Pres



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GATHERING TO MEET GOD

Countdown

Worship in Song – *Thrive*

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Children's Message Troy Hauser Brydon

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Worship in Song – *Jesus Messiah*

Confession and Assurance of God's Love Scott Stanley

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

First Lesson – Psalm 19

Second Lesson – Acts 22:1-16

The Good News *Telling Your Story* Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Confession Faith from *A Declaration of Faith*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Time, Talent & Treasures – *At the Cross*

Prayer of Thanks

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song – *10,000 Reasons*

God's Vision & Blessing for Us

Concluding Song – *The Wonderful Cross*

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Note to those wearing hearing aids with T-coil option: The main sanctuary seating area is equipped with an induction loop system.