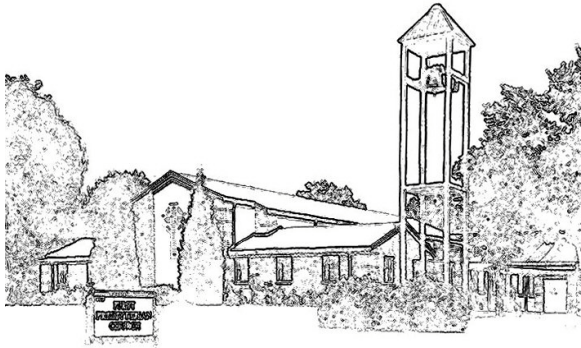


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's spirit, given by Christ, flows through us as living water to wash, heal, and satisfy. As a congregation, we become a fountain sharing this living water with others.

March 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Our huffing and puffing to impress God, our scrambling for brownie points, our thrashing about trying to fix ourselves while hiding our pettiness and wallowing in guilt are nauseating to God and a flat denial of the gospel of grace.”

--Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Ginny Cone

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Call to Worship

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

Let those who have no money come and eat.

Listen, so that you may live! God has made with us an everlasting covenant.

Our glory is in the Lord our God, the Holy One of Israel.

O Lord, I will bless you as long as I live.

I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast.

My mouth praises you with joyful lips.

I praise you, O God, for you have been my help.

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

*Hymn No. 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for silent confession.

And all God's people said: Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Glory Be to the Father

Hymn No. 579

Greatorex

***The Peace of Christ**

*Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.*

Anthem *Wondrous Love* R. Dunlap

GOD'S WORD

Time with the Children Emily and Catherine Backus
Children, first grade and younger, may go to activity time in the Children's Library, upstairs in the Education Building.

***Hymn No. 276** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-9
New Testament Reading Luke 13:1-9
Sermon The Rev. Kerra Becker English
"Jesus Takes Q and A"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

In gratitude, let us respond to God in quiet prayer and thoughtful reflection.
Now is the time for you to respond to God's Word through your thoughts and prayers. Written responses can be placed in the offering plate or handed to the pastor after worship.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Traditional, p.16, Hymnal)
***Creed** --from "The Confession of 1967" (Inclusive Language Text)
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** **No. 592** OLD HUNDREDTH
***Dedication of Gifts**

SENDING US OUT TO BE GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

***Hymn No. 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Charge to Belize "Explorers"

Dan and Peggy Terpstra, Chuck, Dale, and Ashley Hadden

Pastor: Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find;

Explorers: *Knock, and the door will be opened for you.*

All: *For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches, finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Pastoral Charge and Prayer

***Benediction**

The Rev. Kerra Becker English

***Congregational Response**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.*

***Postlude**

***All who are able, please stand.**

Text printed in ***Bold Italics*** to be read in unison by the people.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS!

Liturgist: Chuck Hadden

Fellowship Hosts: Janet Swift and Don Spong

Ushers: Joe Gray, Anne Backus, Elizabeth Myhre, Paul Rohwer, Tammy Pietrzak, Bill Bostick and Emily Backus

Sound Guild: Sydney Murray and Don Spong

Counters: Elizabeth Myhre and Jim Campbell

Opening and Closing: Trygve Myhre and Chuck Hadden

STAFF OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor.....Kerra Becker English
Director of Music.....Anna Thomas
Organist.....Jim Allen
Parish Nurse.....Meg Tonne
Youth Director.....Daniel Tipton
Administrative Assistant.....Liz Bentley
Nursery.....Bobbie Peters
Nursery.....Caleb White

YOUR SESSION

Moderator: the Rev. Kerra Becker English
Clerk of Session: Bob Clausing

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Priscilla Campbell	Mary Cathcart	Chuck Hadden
Robert Clausing	John A. Drake	Sydney Murray III
Ginny Cone	Randy Pietrzak	Jim Wessel
Gene Ice	Dan Terpstra	
Mary Mullins		
Robin Parker		

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Christian Education: Gene Ice
Congregational Care and Outreach: Mary Cathcart
Finance: John A. Drake
Personnel: Randy Pietrzak
Planning and Organizational Development: Jim Wessel
Property and Maintenance: Dan Terpstra
Social Concerns: Chuck Hadden
Stewardship: Priscilla Campbell
Worship: Mary Mullins

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
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THE FLOWERS for today are given to the glory of God by Jean Bangham and in memory of her parents.

Youth Announcements:

March 7th: There will be no evening fellowship. Come hear the UT Singers perform at 7:00 p.m. This is a Church wide/Community event! Free of Charge!

March 14th: No Youth/Choir/Worship-Spring Break Begins.

March 21st: 4:30 p.m. meet at Church to go to Laser Tag. Return by 6:30 p.m. for choir and 7:15 worship. (Spring Break Ends).

March 28th: Youth Sunday Planning at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. and Worship 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU FOR MARCH 10th:

Chicken/Noodles, Normandy Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Veggie Tray, Assorted Cakes, Ice Cream, and Fruit.

Cost is just \$4 per person, \$12 per family, and children 6 years and under are free. We serve dinner from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. Guitar workshop with Gene Ice follows dinner.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 7, 2010

Church office hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. - noon and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Today (3rd Sunday in Lent)

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Supper Club, Room 102

7:00 p.m. UT Singers Concert

Youth returning from Summit

Monday

12:00 noon Men's Lunch, Shoney's

12:30 p.m. Women's Lunch, Red Lobster

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 42

7:00 p.m. Social Concerns Committee Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Speaking Mercy! at Anne Backus' home

Wednesday

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Congregational Care and Outreach Committee Meeting, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Property and Maintenance Committee Meeting, Room 102

Thursday

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Friday

11:00 a.m. High School Lunch, Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. PFLAG Oak Ridge Chapter Meeting

Next Sunday (4th Sunday in Lent)

Daylight Saving Time begins

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NURSERY is located on the first floor of the Education Building.

HEARING ASSISTANCE receiver units and **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES can be accessed on-line at www.fpcor.org. For print copies or recordings of the worship service, contact the church office.

WELCOME VISITORS! Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments following worship in the Fellowship Hall (directly behind the sanctuary). If you have questions about this church or about the Presbyterian Church (USA), please contact us for more information. We would be glad to answer your questions.

Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition – "How did we get to where we are?" Adult Discussion Class. Room 6. 11:15 AM.

SUNDAY EVENING SUPPER CLUB will meet this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Room 102. (Please note change in time.) We will join the Youth for the UT Singers concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THE UT SINGERS WILL BE LIVE IN CONCERT tonight at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Come hear this talented group of student singers and musicians led by Wendel Werner. This is a free concert open to everyone in the community!

SPEAKING MERCY! LEARNING MERCY: Why LGBT folks need to grow in their faith and practice of the Christian Life! Hosted by Anne Backus at her home, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack or drink to share!

PFLAG Oak Ridge Chapter will be meeting again, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Ridge Unitarian/Universalist Church. If you are a friend or family member of a gay/lesbian/bi-sexual or transgendered person, this group is here to support you and your loved ones. For more information, contact Linda Sullivan at pflagoakridge@googlegroups.com or call 1-800-372-3068.

JOHN KNOX CENTER is having their annual Ladies Get-Away Day coming up this month on March 20th. This is a day to spend some time in recreation with others and a day of spiritual renewal. For more details, please see the flyer posted in the Fellowship Hall.

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