

Respond to God's Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God* p. 35
**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. Gifts/pledges
may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the
"Giving" link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com>*

OFFERTORY *In the Stillness of This Hour...by Gary Davidson*

DOXOLOGY (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Go in God's Name

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #300** *We Are One in the Spirit* (Verses 1-3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***The Congregational Response #245** (Verse 1)
**Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Sometimes a Light Surprises...by Wm Barnett*
***People stand as they are able.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual
growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in
celebration of Christ's Love.*

(B) Easter 5
Hymn-Sing Sunday

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Love Excelling...by Peter Benjamin*

Gather in God's Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Wong

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #267 (Verse 1)

**Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia, Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*
(Verses 1-2, 6)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold
grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care
for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature
through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of
Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God.
Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead
us to reconciliation and a vision of your beloved community, as
we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
**People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Llanfair (tune to Hymn No. 245)
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heav'n-ly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

Proclaim God's Word

MINUTE FOR MISSION Brad Carlton from the Food Pantry

MINUTE FOR MISSION Pentecost Offering Harold Erichsen

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Christian Education Committee

THE SERMON TEXT

John 15:1-8

THE WORD IN MUSIC

READER: Rick Munson –**Hymn #1** "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Verses 1-4)

READER: Linda Brungardt – "The Old Rugged Cross"
**¹ On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**² O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**⁴ To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

READER: Krista Blaisdell –**Hymn #625** "How Great Thou Art"
(Verses 1, 3-4)



- **Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **All those battling cancer**

We encourage you to pray for these friends – send them a note, call or visit them. Addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the church office. Send your prayer requests, concerns, and updates to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Worship Leader: Mary Kay Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for April transportation: Chris Jeffrey (785-307-1243)

Elder on call for the week of April 28: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for April 28: Janet Parrish

Acolytes for April 28 are: Quint Lindey and Grayson White

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: Chris Jeffrey & Sue Steinfort

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your young child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by Harold and Susan Erichsen to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Harold and Joann Erichsen.

All Choirs Picnic - Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm
Markley Home
240 West 5th, JC

All Choirs Invited:
Chancel Choir
Glory Ringers

Bring delicious potluck foods, table utensils, lawn chairs, and Frisbee's!
Drinks will be provided!

If you have information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by **noon on Wednesday** for that week. You may call 238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you have anything you would like to have put into the June/July newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than May 20, 2024. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will also find links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage. The worship bulletin can be found at <https://www.fpcjc.com>.

Children and Youth News



Important Dates at a Glance:

- May 8 - Last day of JAM and MS/HS Youth Group
- May 12 - Last day of Sunday School
- Graduation Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation during church

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

9:00 am Presbytery Meeting-Minneapolis

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast
9:30 am Presbytery SRR Event

Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship
1:30 pm Leonetta Bibby Piano Recital
5:30 pm Cub Scouts Annual Regatta

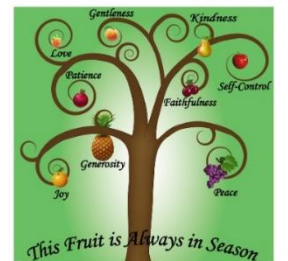
Camp Chippewa currently has open spots for Summer camp if you're interested in that! Some of our youth are already signed up, so if you would like those dates, just email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com. Limited funds ARE available. They are also hiring older youth to work at the camp! Visit <https://www.campchippewa.org/camps> for more information.



We are possibly looking at starting up **Youth Hand Chimes** this summer! Do you have a 6th-12th grader that is interested? Email Chrystal Artigue at chrystal.artigue@gmail.com to sign up today!

July 29th - August 1st, 9:00am-11:30am we will hold our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's topic is the Fruit of the Spirit and we are so excited for this curriculum! Stay tuned for more information on this amazing event.

**We are currently looking for youth volunteers*



*Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during Sunday School and worship service.
Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com