

Dear Church Family, please do not depend on the hospitals to inform us when you are admitted. Call us as soon as you learn that you or a loved one will be hospitalized so that we might pray for you and plan to visit you. First Presbyterian is a loving, caring faith community. The congregation at large, our Elders, Deacons, and Ministers and staff are here to serve one another even as we reach out to our city and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Elders

Bill Oughterson - Clerk of Session

2010	2011	2012
Agnes Hayden	Jake Behler	Ken Caldwell
Victor Kennedy	Jon Gottschalk	Fran DuCoin
Bill Laderer	Pat Hendricks	Polly Shafer
Collette Milberger	Karl Meier	Bob Simpson

Deacons

Cathy Ellis - Moderator

2010	2011	2012
Amy Bottegal	Cathy Egbers	Bill Barr
Karen Schoner	Cathy Ellis	John Friede
Wendy Womble	Marcia Renaux	Greta Thomas

Sunday Church School

Assistant Superintendent - Pat Hendricks

Interim Pastor

Dr. Raymond W. Gamble

Staff

Mark Enyart - Director of Music

Lisa D. Barry - CE Director

Alex Graves - Contemporary Worship Leader

Michelle Hibline - Executive Secretary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m.



March 14, 2010

“Visiting the Lost and Found Area”

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Order of Worship

March 14, 2010

Prelude: Treasure Coast Flute Choir (please see insert)

Words of Welcome and Highlights of the Church

Distribution of First-time Visitor Packets

*Greet one another in Christ's Love

The Lord loves us with an everlasting love. Let us show a sign of that great love to one another.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has many children. Some of us are wandering in rebellion and are anxiously awaited by God for our return home.

People: We often think that we have to go on a journey to find or discover God. We are like lost sheep and need to be found.

Leader: God loves all of his children and He continually seeks after us.

People: May we discover God's forgiveness and choose to be in the Lord's presence.

***Hymn of Praise: #59** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***Prayer of Confession:** Eternal God, you have created everything; the world and all that is within it. You have created every living thing: plants and trees, animals and fish, birds and butterflies, and you have created each one of us. Often we become lost and wonder how and if we will ever be found. At times we don't even know that we have wandered and need to return to you. We all need your love and forgiveness and the joy of being found! Lord, we pray that you will continue to seek us until we discover that you have found us and then embrace us with a love that will never let us go. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri (Hymnal #623)**

Cub Scouts 100 Year Celebration

Fran DuCoin

First Scripture: *Psalm 32*

Polly Shafer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Offering: "My Song Is Love Unknown" Childs
The Chancel Choir

(please sign Fellowship Roster; pass along pew; return it to center aisle)

***Doxology (Hymn #625)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Children's Sermon

Congregation sing: #579 "Jesus Loves Me" (Children dismissed)

Second Scripture: *Luke 15:1-7*

Polly Shafer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Visiting the Lost and Found Area"

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***Hymn of Parting: #211** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

***The Charge**

***Benediction**

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"God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude: The Treasure Coast Flute Choir

*The Congregation will please stand.

**Please clasp the hands of others.

Hymns are available in large print. Please see an usher.

Please silence all beepers, cell phones and electronics.

Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight Savings Started This Morning

- 8:30 am Adult Ed Forum
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service (Worship Center)
Both Services: Children's Sermon, Junior Church, & Nursery Care Provided
12:30 pm Youth: Shut-In Visitation



Monday, March 15th

Newsletter Deadline!!

- 9:00 am Porcelain Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts 100 year celebration

Tuesday, March 16th

- 2:20 pm Tuesday Afternoon Live (TAL)
7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, March 17th *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

- 12:00 pm "20 Minutes with God" Lenten Series

Thursday, March 18th

- 10:30 am Bible and *Red Tent* Book Study (Library)
1:00 pm Singletons
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal



Friday, March 19th

- 5:30 pm Fellowship & Outreach Spring Gala: Fellowship
6:00 pm F & O Spring Gala: Dinner
7:00 pm F & O Spring Gala: Program with Marcia Gehris

Saturday, March 20th

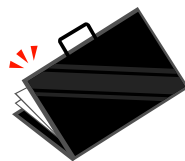
- Youth Indoor Flea Market @ Rio Civic Center

Sunday, March 21st

- 8:30 am Adult Ed Forum
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service (Worship Center)
TAL sings
Both Services: Children's Sermon, Junior Church, & Nursery Care Provided
12:30 pm Youth: Work on YMiLive Video

Attention Session Members ...

Please pick up your Session Packets from the Church Office for the Session Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, **March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Thank You.



First Church Weekly News

**March 14th - 21st
2010**



Child Care During Worship Service

Nursery care is provided for small children during both services.
Older children may attend Junior Church.

Prayer Requests

Forms are available in the pew racks and/or on a table in the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to complete one and give it to an usher before service begins, so it may be included in the Morning Prayer. You may also put your request in the offering plate to be added to our Prayer Chain.

Welcome!

From wherever you come, we extend a hearty welcome! It's our intention to be warmhearted. Please introduce yourself to those near you and especially to the worship leaders.



In Need of Prayers ...

Vance Fulton - bypass surgery
Bob Simpson - kidney surgery

Chancel Flowers are Presented ...

"In loving memory of Eileen Hubbard,"
from her daughter and family.



Flower Calendar

We encourage members & friends to remember loved ones by donating sanctuary flowers for Worship each Lord's Day. We still need flower orders for **April 11th, 18th & 25th**. The flowers are taken, by the Deacons, to the sick and shut-in. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the Church Office at 692-0500.

Order your Easter Lilies now (see insert).



Fellowship Hour

Following the Traditional Worship Service today **the Deacons, Class 2012** will host the Fellowship Hour under the lanai outside of the Worship Center. Please bring a friend, or someone sitting beside you, to enjoy light refreshments and warm fellowship. Next week, March 21st, **the Elders, Class 2012**, will host the Fellowship Hour. Please join us!



Contemporary Fellowship Hour

Following the Contemporary Worship Service, there will be a Fellowship Hour, hosted by the Fotos family. Please join us for refreshments and warm fellowship.

Church Office Hours

9 am - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

If you need to contact the office outside those times, please call and leave a message for a specific staff member.

Should you have an emergency, a contact number is on the recording.

Traditional Service

Ushers

Agnes Hayden
Paul & Judy Ladd
Al Montgomery

Lay Reader

Polly Shafter

Greeters

Jim & Joanne
Gaines

Acolyte

Max Vojcsik



The Cross is Pivotal

Pivotal means crucial or absolutely necessary. Such is the cross on which Jesus died. It represents salvation from sin and death. To see sin in all its cruelty and depravity, look at the cross. The cross can jar a person to the core.

In his parent's bedroom, a teenager noticed a picture he'd never paid attention to before. It was a vivid scene of the Crucifixion. As the boy studied it, his emotions began to stir. He saw the helpless Christ dying, the helmeted soldiers bearing spears, the crowd seething with hatred. Jesus was pinned to the cross, bleeding and helpless. Mary stood nearby, consumed by grief.

The picture revealed sin and its results: suffering and death. What if the room had a different picture, with an empty tomb and an angel announcing Christ's resurrection? Those represent that God loves mankind so much he still wants to save us, no matter what we've done.

"May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Galatians 6:14, NRSV).

A Holistic Church

When a pastor asked the congregation to express what the church meant to them, one couple wrote:

Our church may best be described as holistic, which means "the whole is much more than its parts." Our church has many "parts": a lovely campus, rooms for education, a great fellowship hall and a lovely sanctuary. There, the cross reminds us of God's love, the altar reminds us of holy communion and the baptismal font reminds us of our faith.

In the sanctuary, we sing meaningful hymns, listen to our wonderful choir, hear God's incomparable word, offer sincere prayers, give an offering and receive guidance for our bodies, minds and souls. Finally, there is the part we call service. We leave church each week to use our talents, time and resources in Christian service to a needy world. We care because God cares.

All in all, the "whole" of our church is much more than the sum of its parts. Ours is a holistic church striving to be holier.