

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*please stand as you are able.

April 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonata in C Minor, Op. 65 - Fugue

F. Mendelssohn; S. Michael Shuman, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)*

Rev. Jan Butin

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 33)*

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear God,

on those who hope in God's steadfast love,

to deliver our souls from death,

and to keep us alive in times of need.

Our soul waits for the LORD;

God is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in the LORD,

because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

*HYMN 485

We Know that Christ is Raised

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Mighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. But we confess that too often, we live our lives in anxiety and fear, instead of claiming our resurrection hope. Instead of being anxious for nothing, we are anxious for everything. We fear death, and we also fear what life will demand of us. We fear a world of injustice, but we also fear and deny your just judgment. We fear suffering, but too often our life choices inflict suffering on others. Gracious God, forgive us! May the only fear we experience be that reverent fear of failing to honor you as you deserve, failing to trust in you, or failing to set our faith and hope on you. *(silent reflection)*
Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 177

I Will Come to You (verses 1 and 2)

Glory to God

"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fears.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know that I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-21

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

SERMON

Our Resurrection Hope

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Confession of 1967)*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in our lives as human beings. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our lives with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Without Seeing You

David Haas

*Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.*

Come and teach us your ways, O God, and lead us in your path.

Give joy to all who trust in you, keep us safe from all harm.

You claim us as your own, to praise you day by day.

You save us and deliver us from darkness into light.

We will tell of your works, O God, to the ends of the earth.

Rejoicing in your presence, we will sing to your name.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Doxology

Glory to God

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .singing: (Hymn 559) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Great is the mystery of faith: (Hymn 560) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. . .now and forever. (Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

(Please pause to allow those who are gluten-free to come forward first.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Glory to God

*(We invite you to bring forward your gifts for C.E.O.
and place them in the basket at the front of the Sanctuary.)*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cortège

G. Young

Calendar for the Week of April 15-21

Sun.	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All	FUPC Campus
	5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night at the Movies	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Middle School Ministry	Upper Witherspoon
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon
Tues.	3:30 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village
	4:30 p.m.	Butterfield Trail Village Worship	BTV Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Fellow"Shape" Yoga	Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn
	4:00 p.m.	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	7Hills Meal Prep	Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Upper Witherspoon
Sat.	9:15 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering	First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Fellowship Hall

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME! Ushers are happy to help with any questions. Our latest newsletter is available in the Narthex and you are invited to attend any events of interest to you.

OUR MONTHLY COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY OUTREACH (C.E.O.) OFFERING will be received today.

PROFESSIONAL CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN under five years old is provided in Lower Calvin from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. We offer a **Time with Children** each week in worship. Afterward, children may go to childcare or stay for the entire service. **Children's worship packets** are available in the Narthex.

OUR SPRING SERMON SERIES, *OUR RESURRECTION HOPE*, is based on passages from the First Letter of Peter.

4/22 *Living Stones Built into a Spiritual House*

4/29 *Accounting for the Hope That is In Us*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES IS EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Children and Youth

Preschool Children (three- and four-year-olds) meet in Upper Knox with Ruth Rodgers and Lora Horne.

Kindergartners-First Graders meet in Upper Knox with Sara Eichmann and Melissa and Randy Werner.

Second-Fourth Graders meet in Lower Knox with Wendy Robbins and Christi Cox.

Fifth-Sixth Graders meet in Lower Knox with Hillary Fischer.

Seventh-Twelfth meet in Lower Witherspoon with Jacob and Brianne Christiansen and Melissa Harrington.

Adults

Acknowledging God, meets in Calvin 203 with Dennis Brewer and Jane Steinkraus .

Mudhouse Sabbath, meets in Upper Witherspoon with Sara and Brett Torbett.

The Wisdom and Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer meets in Calvin 201 with Derrik Olsen and Phil Butin.

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES. At 5:30 p.m., we'll show the film, *Wonder*, in Upper Witherspoon. Childcare and a movie for children will be offered in Lower Calvin. We Look forward to seeing you!

JOIN US FOR *LOVING YOUR FRIEND THROUGH CANCER—MOVING BEYOND "I'M SORRY" TO MEANINGFUL SUPPORT*, A PRESENTATION AND MEAL ON APRIL 22 AT 12:15 P.M. We begin with a soup and salad lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by a presentation by Marissa Henley (who grew up at FUPC and is the daughter of Dennis and Lorraine Brewer). Childcare provided upon request. Reservations are due to the Church Office by April 18.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING IS SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FORT SMITH. Check-in is at 9:15 a.m. A special offering will be collected for Moody Guest House which provides assistance to women transitioning from the local domestic violence shelter. Our mission project is gathering socks and canned meats for The Next Step Homeless Services. Cost is \$10 (includes lunch). For more information, please call 479-783-8919. If you'd like to carpool, please contact Katie Jackson (879-1849).

THIS SUMMER SAM WARREN, FUPC MEMBER, ELDER, UOFA STUDENT AND SON OF RON AND DIANE WARREN, WILL BE BIKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Sam grew up helping the community with UPY and REACH mission trips. He must raise at least \$5,000 to fund grants awarded from Bike and Build to local affordable housing organizations. To support him, donate at <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1227005>. He will have a table on the courtyard just outside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 22, for another opportunity to make a pledge, learn more about his trip and the projects it will support, and offer him your prayers and encouragement.