

through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

arr. Lee Matchett

✠**RESPONSE**

Doxology (*hymnal p. 606*)

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

✠**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✠**HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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✠**BENEDICTION**

✠**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Go with Us, Lord (Hymn 748)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

✠ *Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so*

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff; Dr. William Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music / Organist; Mr. David McMunn, Lector; Chancel Choir; Mrs. Crystal Stone, Video Technician.

Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part, by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.

FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

PRAYER LIST: Ron Adams, Charlie Andrews, Jane B., Ann Bagley, Jeret Baker, George Chambers, Sandy Cole, Dan & Ginger Collier, Edna Mary Cox, Dan, Kaitlyn Daniels, Diane Demorest, Lou DeRose, Chris Dieck, Bob Dittman, Joanne Doyle, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Janis Garofalo, Richard Gracik, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Kathy McIlhattan Kostrick, Tyler Kostrick, Paige Lucas, George Maser, Carol Mateer, Jeff Mateer, Barbara McKee, Betty McNerny, Rick & Jan McNerny, Peg & Doug Newman, John Noel, Nancy Pallitta, Pat Panza, Kathleen Piekut, Jamie R., Colton Reid, Aksel Rockhold, Bill Rumshock, Ron Russell, Nico & Stacey Salvio, Tricia Sanders, Joan Scales, Gene

Sember, Dana Shafer, Barbara Sill and family, Christina Sinddorf, Nancy Skrot, Molly Stienbiser, Isabelle Taylor, Ray Tietsworth, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Lois Ann Watson, Sue Woodward, family of Aria Woznick, Tom Yacko, and Marsha Zoruba.

VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY? If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service, he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – Are you interested in joining our congregation? Please prayerfully consider your participation in the life of Christ's church and God's call upon your life. The Membership & Evangelism Committee will be offering a New Members Class on Sunday, April 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the PW Lounge. Those who wish to join the church will be received into membership during the worship service on Sunday, April 23. If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Dr. Ankrum in the church office.

HOLY WEEK - Lent draws to a close with the dramatic events of Holy Week. We will observe this annual time starting with Palm / Passion Sunday, April 2 at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday will be observed on Thursday, April 6 with a Service of Shadow and Light as well as Holy Communion at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, the children are invited to participate in a program entitled Faith-Focused Easter at 11 a.m. in our Dining Room. The annual Way of the Cross will begin at the Court House at 11:30 a.m. followed by a Good Friday service at First United Methodist Church. Easter Sunday Festival worship will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 9 and include communion.

THE DEACONS ARE COLLECTING FOR THE BLACKBURN CENTER – They are collecting new women's pajamas and sweatsuits, in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL, and XXL, for the local center that provides housing and other services to promote the well-being and safety of individuals impacted by violence. These pajamas and sweat suits would be provided to women presenting to local hospitals and police stations due to experiencing violence. Often, the clothes the women were wearing at the time of an assault are collected as evidence and a clean set of clothes may provide comfort. You may place your donations in the box located in the Narthex. Thank you so much for helping women in our community who have been affected by violence.

YOUTH GROUP – Today, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come to Hillview Bowling and enjoy some bowling fun with us. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Slater 724-217-3448.

CORNERSTONE: A DINING OUT GROUP: Saturday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. @ Juniper Grill, 4917 William Penn Hwy., Murrysville. The Cornerstone Group invites you to join them ... Each month a group of members of our congregation gather for dinner and conversation at a restaurant in our area. This group is open to any who would like to attend and share in the fellowship of the table. Call Sandy Beauregard (724-834-2247 or 724-331-3457) or email (sandbeau1@verizon.net) to reserve your spot.

CHAPEL YOUTH CHOIR AND FESTIVE RINGERS - On Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. the 20 singers and ringers of the Chapel Youth Choir and Festive Ringers from Abington, PA, will offer an uplifting spiritual concert at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg to the public for free. Freewill donations will be received for the Montreat Worship and Music Youth Scholarship. These touring musicians are the youth ensembles from Abington Presbyterian Church in the Philadelphia area. Comprised of 6th to 12th graders who rehearse and provide musical leadership for the 10:00am worship service in their home congregation, they will be here as part of their annual spring tour which carries a message of faith and encouragement to listeners in many different venues. Traditional anthems, mass settings, gospel arrangements, handbell pieces, and community singing mark their tour program including concerts and worship leadership in Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Lewistown before they return to Abington for a homecoming concert.

THRU THE BIBLE CLASS – MONDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7 PM: Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Please join us each month (usually on the last Monday of the month) as we continue to work our way through the Scriptures. We cover one book of the Bible each month and in March, we will study the Book of Acts in the New Testament. We meet in the Assembly Room of the church building. We meet Monday, March 27, 2023 to discuss Paul’s great Epistle to the Romans. Dr. Ankrum leads this study.

LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB – TUESDAY, MARCH 28 @ 7 PM Join us each final Tuesday of the month for some good discussion! We read three short stories a month from the Oxford Book of American Short Stories. These stories are fairly easily obtained even without the book, but the procurement of the collection is a worthy investment. We will meet on March 28 in the PW Lounge to discuss: Donald Barthelme – ‘The School’; Raymond Carver – ‘Are These Actual Miles?’ and Richard Ford – ‘Under the Radar’. Dr. Ankrum leads the discussion.

THE GATHERING – TUESDAY, APRIL 11: 11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. THE BOULEVARD RESTAURANT – Please be sure to call the church office to reserve your spot for the next Gathering! David McMunn, ruling elder and church historian, will be with us to celebrate the 235th Anniversary of the founding of our church! He will present a brief overview of the history of our congregation from its beginnings in 1788 at what is now St. Clair Park to our current history. Please join us! *Reservations are taken until noon on Monday, April 10.*

PLEASE JOIN WITH THE MISSION COMMITTEE by participating in the *Walk a Mile Event* to support the Blackburn Center’s mission of ending gender based violence and all other types of violence in Westmoreland County on **Saturday, April 15**. You can register for this event online at <https://blackburncenter.akaraisin.com/ui/walkamile2023/pledge/registration/start>. Select the option to join a team and search for our team, FPC Stirred Hearts 2023. You can also join our team via the link on the FPC Facebook page. Men are encouraged (but not required) to accept the option to receive high heels during registration for the walk. Registration is from 9 – 10 a.m. with the walk starting at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to join us, you can support the team by donating in honor of our team. Any questions, please contact Crystal Stone 724.433.4746 or crystal1121@comcast.net. Hope to see you all in St. Clair Park on the 15th!

Easter Lilies 2023 - Prepaid Orders Due by Sunday, March 26

The Worship Committee is making lilies available for \$14.00 each. If you wish to place one or more flowers in the sanctuary for Easter, please return this form to the church office with \$14.00 for each plant desired. You may, if you wish, place your lilies "In Memory Of" and/or "In Honor Of" loved ones. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 26. Lilies may be picked up following the Easter Sunday Service.

My Name: _____

Place my flower(s) "In Memory Of":

Place my flower(s) "In Honor Of":

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ (quantity) flowers

FAITH FOCUSED EASTER @ FPC GREENSBURG: Good Friday, April 7, 2023; 11am – Noon. All children of the congregation, preschool, and friends are invited to attend FPC’s Good Friday Event “Faith Focused Easter” at FPC Greensburg. Children and their Caregivers will rotate through each station at their own pace to learn the story of Easter and to have fun as a family. This event will feature crafts, snacks, teen-led games, and trinkets to take home. Registration forms can be dropped off to Sunday school or preschool teachers, the church office during regular business hours, or emailed to Wendy McCann at tjmwam@netzero.com .

Faith Focused Easter 2023 Registration Form

Child Attendee or Youth Helper

Birthday

Allergies/Medical Needs

Mailing Address _____

Caregiver(s) Attending

Phone Number

Email _____

_____ YES, I give permission for photos of my children and youth to be posted to the FPC website and Facebook Page.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.