



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before Him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we obey His commandments and do what pleases Him.

And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. All who obey His commandments abide in Him, and He abides in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit that He has given us. I John 3:16-24

VOLUNTARY

He Leadeth Me  
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Alice Jordan

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Great Is Our God  
(See insert)

Tomlin, Reeves, and Cash

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

\*RESPONSE

Light the Fire  
(See insert)

Maxwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Lord, at times we are so sure we are right that we stop listening to the ideas of others.

**Forgive us, we pray, and remind us that we do not know everything.**

Lord, forgive us when we want something so much that we ignore warnings that we may want the wrong thing.

**Help us to control our “wants.”**

God, forgive us when we think that stories about Your love are meant for us and that demands for change are meant for other people.

**Be with us as we read the Bible, and help us hear what You are saying to us.**

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Barbara Hopta

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew’s end, and greet each other by name.

Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

*Children may come forward for the baptism.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For **Caroline Elizabeth Lane**, daughter of Carrie Clendening and Gordon Lane, Jr.

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;  
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*  
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader:

Keep me,

People:

Keep me,

Leader:

Hide me;

People:

Hide me;

Welcome by congregation (In unison)

Caroline, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.  
As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you,  
to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Cortege

Gottlieb Muffat

\*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

*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.*

