

Service for the Lord's Day

The Season of Easter

Fifth Sunday

April 28, 2024

10:00 A.M.

*YOU MAY RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

— *The People of God Gather* —

Please use the time before worship for quiet reflection and meditation, giving thanks to God for all things.

COLLECT — “Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Lonnie Darnell, *liturgist*

TOLLING of the BELL

PRELUDE

‘Toccatina’

arr., G. Lardelli
Bruce Thomson, *organist*

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep.

People: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Liturgist: In the beginning God said: “Let there be light,” and there was light.

People: And God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.

Liturgist: In the beginning was Life, and that life was the Light of the world

People: And the darkness has not overcome the light

Liturgist: The true Light that gives light to everyone has come into the world

People: Jesus Christ—the Light of the world—is present in our midst.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:11-14

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. ¹⁴I will be found by you, says the Lord.

*HYMN

‘Be Thou My Vision’

No. 339

PRAYER of CONFESSION

(and silent confession)

Father of glory, You sent Your Son among us as the Light of the world. But the darkness in our lives does not reflect His light. We shut our eyes to the needs of the poor, the oppressed, the suffering, from each other, and most of all from You. Forgive us, O LORD. Help us as a forgiven people to reflect the love and light of Jesus Christ. Fill us anew with Your Spirit, that we may see to do Your will and serve in Your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: HEAR THE WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: “Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, and Christ will shine on you!” The Light of the world enlightens our lives and save us! (cf., Ephesians 5:14)

People: Praise be to God, for the healing and restoring light of Jesus Christ!

*PASSING the PEACE

Greet one another in Christ. Share God's peace through smiles, handshakes, hugs—high-fives or fist pumps!—saying,
‘The Peace of Christ be with you.’

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’

No. 28 Supplement

- comp., G. Kendrick
Choir and Congregation
Rob Huff, *pianist*

*Doxology, *Prayer of Dedication

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.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE of GOD

CHORAL CALL to PRAYER: ‘Joyful, Joyful’

PARISH CONCERNS & PRAISES

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

~ *The Word of God Proclaimed* ~

ANTIPHONAL READING of PSALTER

- Psalm 119:105-108

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

¹⁰⁶I have promised it once and I will promise again: I will obey your wonderful laws.

¹⁰⁷I have suffered much, O Lord; restore my life again, just as you promised.

¹⁰⁸Lord accept my grateful thanks and teach me your laws.

ANTHEM

‘Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord’

- CHANCEL CHOIR
- comp., J. Martin

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:21-25

²¹ Then Jesus asked them, “Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. ²² For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. ²³ Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

²⁴ Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. ²⁵ To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”

SERMON

‘Our Light and our Vision’

Al Simbritz
Church Elder

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

- The Apostles' Creed (3rd c., A.D.)

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.

~ *God's People Go Forth to Serve* ~

*HYMN

‘This Little Light of Mine’

Insert

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*SONG of RESPONSE

‘Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.’

POSTLUDE

‘A Joyous Postlude’

- comp., C. Mallard



Lord, hear our prayers for the homebound:

Bob & Jan Dittmar (Stuart, FL), Eleanor Guernsey (Jensen Beach FL), Joy Heiliger-Lee and her family, Victor and Marilyn Kallitt (Stuart, FL), Lindale Metz (hospice), Mary Morrow, Jane Quickel (Stuart, FL), Leora Richter (Stuart, FL), Dottie Spies, Diane Steiber, Norma Vale (Hobe Sound, FL)

for loved ones and friends near and far:

Bob Balfoort, Janice Barnhart, Shirley Beatty, Ted (Dot Colquhoun's brother), Kevin Connelly, Darla, S. M. D., Sharon Hamilton, Sandy Hicks, Ken Jordan, Krall Family, Rev. Rosalyn Lee and church, Marty Mann, Garry and Kat Meyer, Anne Nimmo, Pearson Family, Christine Quinn family, Tom Raye, Gary Rowley, Backy Saha, Naida Sanchez, Bob Shapiro, Charlie Sysbesma, Pat Telfer, Mike Ventolo, Dan Weatherly

for love of neighbors as ourselves

- local church ministries and partners in the Gospel
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) / Presbytery of Tropical Florida
- Session of PEACE Presbyterian Church
- Christ's Church around the world
- Christian Missionaries in foreign lands
- Leaders of world countries, nations at war, peace on earth

† PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH †

~ Ministers of the Gospel, Friends and Members of the Congregation ~

Rev. Dr. Lonnie Darnell, Transition Pastor / Melanie Fuller, Office Manager
 Rev. Grace I. Scarle, Music Minister / Bruce Thomson, Organist
 Robb Huff, Pianist / Jane Logan, Clerk of Session
 Vacant, Church Treasurer / Phil Ratchford, Media Technician
 Annetta Rosato, Betty Millar, Co-moderators of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

COUNCIL OF THE SESSION

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Donna Berger	Ernest Kabath	David Heaton
William Fitchett	Ann Royer	Mary Lersch
Peter Hauth	William South	Penn Shade

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WELCOME TO CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today! We pray that you will know, feel, and welcome God's love and presence among us. If you have yet to find a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH your local church family.

Ritual of Friendship Pad



Sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Ushers
*Bill and Lila Fitchett
 Betty Fisher, Perry Terilla
 Will Cassin, Marion Stahle*

Peace Presbyterian Women
Invite all ladies of the church, as well as, their friends, for the annual May luncheon at Miles Grant Country Club on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Noon.

Luncheon invitations are in the Narthex and online at the church website.



What's Happening

Today, April 28
 9:45 – 11:00 – Nursery
 9:50 – Announcements
 10:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am – Coffee Fellowship
 11:30 - Five Wishes Presentation

Monday, April 29
 7:00 pm - AA Meeting (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Tuesday, April 30
 6:00 pm - Session Meeting

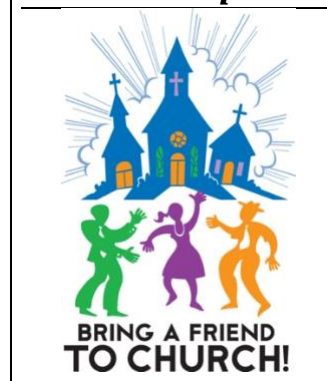
Thursday, May 1
 2 pm – Worship Committee Mtg

Five Wishes

Join us TODAY at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and a presentation of The Five Wishes by Treasure Coast Hospice. Five Wishes is a living will that address your personal, emotional, and spiritual, needs. There is no cost for the presentation or the Five Wishes packet.



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 5th following worship.



Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember

4/28/24 – 'FIVE WISHES' Event
 Treasure Coast Hospice

5/1/24 – Worship Committee

5/5/24 – Holy Communion
 Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5/7/24 – Care & Nurture

5/12/24 – MOTHER'S DAY (Lunch at Two George's)

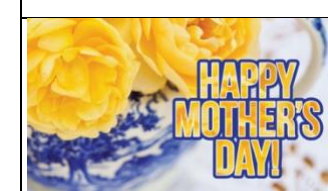
5/14/24 – MEMBER SUPPORT
 PW ANNUAL LUNCHEON

I Am a Child of God

Safe, fun, clean childcare is available for children in the staffed educational building each Sunday, from 9:45 am – 11 am



Sanctuary Flowers given today by Dot Colquhoun in memory of her dad, and her husband, Jim.



Creative Fellowship will be hosting the Mother's Day Lunch Celebration at Two George's Dockside Grille in Port Salerno. (Formerly Twisted Tuna), immediately following church on Sunday, May 12, 2024. (Separate checks will be issued)



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