

WORSHIP for Ascension, Public Reception of New Members, & Memorial Day
May 24, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Please invite family or friends, who want to join us for live worship on Sundays @10:45am, to request access by emailing their name, email, & phone number to the church office.
- 2) Please have your Bible at hand for Worship each week!
- 3) To watch sermons recorded on Zoom on our YouTube Channel, go to the FPCP website: <https://www.fpcpataskala.com/> and click on WORSHIP or follow us on our Facebook from the homepage.
- 4) All Onsite Activities at the Church Building Are Suspended Until Further Notice, Due to COVID-19. Please correspond with Pastor Janet or the church office by phone or email. Thank you for your patience. Stay in prayer! Look for emails with updates.
- 5) However, FPCP has not stopped God's work! Thru Zoom, here are some ways:
 - a) Junior Church & Good News Club (by FPCP) by Zoom for 2nd thru 5th graders 4:30-5:30pm Thursdays starting this week 5/21. To register contact lead Teacher, Linda Glenn by email lindaifglenn@gmail.com. Other teachers from FPCP junior church are Melissa Holland & Sally Kean.
 - b) Recognition of FPCP Graduates on Zoom worship is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st @10:45am. If you have children who are graduating from high school or college, please contact Pastor Janet ASAP, so we can schedule their recognition. Congratulations, graduates, as you move into the future God has planned for you! (*Jeremiah 29:11*)
 - c) Youth group for those entering 5th thru 12th grade will resume on Sunday 5/31 at 3pm. The "Overcomer" Bible study is continuing.
 - e) Have communion elements of bread and juice of the fruit of the grape vine at table in your home for 10:45am Zoom worship on Sundays June 7th and July 5th. Pastor Janet will lead us through home communion. If you need elements provided to you, call the Johnsons, who lead the Christian Response Team, at 740-901-1232.
 - f) Scout Sunday is scheduled for June 28th during @10:45am Zoom, where those scouts who achieved their religious awards this year will be recognized. Congratulations Scouts!
- 6) Have communion elements of bread and juice of the fruit of the grape vine, at table in your home on Sunday June 7th.and July 5th. Pastor Janet will lead us through communion on Zoom worship at 10:45am. If you need elements provided to you, call 740-901-1232 to reach the Johnsons, who lead the Christian Response Team (CRT).
- 7) If you need a COVID-19 cloth mask call 740-901-1232 for the Johnsons, who lead the CRT. Thank you to Gage Marcum and Katie Slaymaker, who have been making masks available.
- 8) The regular FPCP session meeting is 6:30pm (2nd) Thursday, June 11th, on Zoom.

Prelude played by Collin Richardson: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Charles Wesley (1739); public domain
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tj7sv4jF68k&list=PLAdy2hvW6PL8_1itXDbTRrCeI331DmVVU&index=10&t=0s

Call to Worship from Psalm 8:1 Unison

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

Opening Hymn: “God of Our Fathers”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGexeAILgiQ>

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 8 Unison

Lord, we have failed to bring you the fullness of praise and glory. We do not take the time to consider your greatness nor the greatness of your works. We are mindful of ourselves rather than of you. We hold ourselves in high positions, putting our interests above your will. We are deserving, yet without you we have no hope. Forgive our great sin, for your love is far greater.

Amen.

(Pause for a time of silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness: Responsively

“What is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?” Yet, O Father, you have always had us in mind and under your care in the sending of your Son into the world for us. We believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

“The Gloria Patri”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD_m4OhU

Hymn of Preparation: “Immortal, Invisible”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-I_VwA4d44g

Call to God’s Word: Unison

“Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?” John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

Prayer for Illumination: Unison

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+28%3A16-20&version=NIV>

SERMON: “Go, Make Disciples” by The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Statement about Baptism: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into the life of Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens' of God kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you in the congregation, therefore, once again to reject sin, and profess your faith in Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

ALL: I do.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?

ALL: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you?

ALL: I will.

Presenting New Members

Clerk: On behalf of the session of FPC, I present the following new members who were received on May 14th, 2020 by Reaffirmation of Faith: David Johnson and Brent & Laura Miller.

Statement the New Members: You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. Hear these words from Ephesians 4:4-6 in Scripture: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

New Member Questions

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share regularly in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you?

New Member: I will.

After the Holy Spirit was poured out on believers on Pentecost, just as the first followers of Jesus described in Acts 2:42 did, will you devote yourself regularly to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer? Will you?

New Member: I will.

Prayer for New Members: Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Promise of Congregational Nurture

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ @FPCP, promise to guide and nurture these new members, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Do you?

Congregation: We do.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Please Continue to Give in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Prayer Of Dedication: *Unison*

God, in view of your mercy help us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, O God. Amen. *Romans 12:1*

Doxology

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivaDXu27_IY

of Joy & Concern, followed by 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.

Pause in memory of veterans of the military, who have died.

Closing Hymn: "My Country Tis of Thee"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKj7FLg3WVA>

Benediction: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. **Amen.**

*Please join us next Sunday to celebrate Pentecost Sunday!
If able, please remain for a time of fellowship.*

Fellowship Table Talk

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20

When have you discipled someone in your family or elsewhere, teaching them to obey?
Should you be discipling someone now?