

Armed and Ready

1 Peter 4:1-3

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Choir Practice Small Group w/Hopkins
Tuesday	9:30 A.M.	Esther Circle
Wednesday	5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M.	WEDFEST Classes
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting

Visitors: We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

- I. Thinking This Way
 - A. The Death of Christ

- B. The Death of Sin

- II. Living This Way
 - A. According to God's Will

- B. Not According to the Way of the World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you...Thank you very much!

Jane and I wish to thank you for the kindness and encouragement felt at the Anniversary Celebration last Sunday. Thank you for your love and the expression of that love through the cards, testimonies, comments, food, set up and servers, flowers, gifts, organization and planning, a portrait, music, and every big and little thing that went into your generous gesture of appreciation. It is our hope that the Lord will give us many more years together in the service of His Kingdom here at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church. May our Lord graciously bless our labors together. Thank You!

*In Christ,
Steve and Jane Simmons*

The Hopkins small group meets at 6:00 p.m. tonight at the home of Gary and Karen Hopkins. The group is discussion oriented, offering encouragement and prayer for one another. Light snacks and plenty of time for fellowship are included. Everyone is welcome.

Esther Circle Meets: The Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship. Linda Steed is leading the study on Paul's Epistles. For more information contact Linda Smith, 534-1127.

Offering counters this week are Gary Hopkins and Milford Brinton.

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WEDFEST Sign-up

Name: _____

Meals (5:30 p.m.)
_____ 12 and older - \$4.00
_____ Ages 3-11 - \$2.00
_____ Up to 2 years ó No Charge
Family maximum of - 10.00

Menu
Spinach and cheese filled raviolis w/
roasted garlic tomato sauce & basil
Garden salad, Garlic bread
Mixed berry cobbler

Help Needed - Please lend a hand and help with clean-up after the meal.

Thanks to our March Ushers: John Orbaugh (Cap.) Glen Milham, Bob Pettit, Matthew Marshall & Maxwell Kwaku. Our April Ushers are: Jessie Martin (Cap.) Milford Brinton, Joe Kanewske & Wade Skinner.

After the service a Ruling Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary if you wish to speak or pray with someone.

Copies of Harvest USA's newsletter are available on the table in the narthex; this issue touches on the social impact of pornography, including sexual slavery. Becoming informed, even if we would rather not know, is necessary if we are to stand against the sins of our day. And as always, there are other outreach materials that you are encouraged to take and use as you seek to minister to others.

Thinking about our worship and the receiving of tithes and offerings

This past week as I was studying Hebrews 7 for our Wednesday Bible Study and taking a look at the tithe paid to Melchizedek by Abraham, I was invited by the text to again think through the idea of the tithe. This is a touchy subject and preachers seem often to be at one extreme or the other - some asking for money, more money and much more money and others hesitant to mention it too much for fear of being identified with the "more money" men. But at its heart, the worship of God through tithes (10% or your increase) and offerings, is our attentiveness to the first of the Ten Commandments. The tithe is an expression of God's ownership and rule over us and a confession that all we have belongs to Him. So as the offering plate is passed today do not look at it as a way to pay the Church's light bill but as a way to express your love for and submission to your God and creator. This is why Paul can talk about giving and being cheerful (2 Cor. 9:7). There is nothing about paying bills that leads to cheerfulness but for us, who love our God, there is reason for delight and cheerfulness as we testify to our love and submission with this act of worship.

Copies of an updated church directory are available in the narthex and the hallway as you leave the sanctuary.

Ryan's non-shower. We are planning on doing this on May 3, early afternoon - a cook out and an opportunity to visit with Ryan before he heads off to PA with his new wife to finish his seminary degree. Details will come shortly by email.