

Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Easter

Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Gathering for Worship

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. by E. L. Ashford

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace
(See inside front of hymnal)

Preparation to Hear the Word

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: **Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

All: **Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!**

✦ HYMN #104 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Hymn To Joy

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out into the world to proclaim your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 John 3: 1-7** *Pew Bible pg. 1900*

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. By Mark Hayes
Baritone Soloist: Richard Barnes

*I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk (let me walk) close to Thee.*

(chorus)

*Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee; Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burdens share? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.*

(repeat chorus)

*When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to that shining kingdom shore.*

(repeat chorus)

GOSPEL READING **Luke 24: 36b-48** *Pew Bible pg. 1644*

SERMON *"Touch and See"* Rev. Susan Takis

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN #121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* *(See inside front of hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERING

Offertory *Don't Turn Him Away* arr. by W. Auld

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth to Serve

✦ HYMN #108 *Christ Is Alive! (vv 1,2,5)* Truro

✦ CHARGE AND BEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God will take care of you, thru every day, o'er all the way
God will take care of you; God will take care of you.**

POSTLUDE *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* by J. R. Johnson

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Sound: Terry Becker

Liturgist: Louise Fahey

Ushers: Jane Corder, Michele Loser,
Carol Norton and JoAnn Raddi

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
from Jane Corder in memory of her daughter, Julie Rosson.*

We Welcome Our Guests to Worship

Welcome! Your presence with us this morning adds joy to our worship service. Please help us acknowledge your visit by including your name and contact information when the friendship pad is passed during the announcements. You are invited to join us for fellowship following the service. If you are looking for a church home, and feel God is leading you to FPC, please speak with Pastor Susan following worship or call her during the week at (352) 748-2530.

For more information about our church, please ask an usher for a copy of "The Beacon", our monthly newsletter, or visit us online at www.fpcwildwood.org.

Announcements – April 15, 2018

Monthly Potluck Luncheon, Today

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheon following worship today. All are invited!

Second Presentation of “The Bucket List”

There will be a shorter, second presentation of “The Bucket List” today held after fellowship in the Fellowship Hall presented by Lynn Barnes.

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, April 17

Our next luncheon will be Tuesday, April 17 at Takis Restaurant in Lady Lake. We will meet at 11:30am. All ladies are invited. Contact Carol Norton at (352)748-3459 or cjln540@gmail.com for reservations.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available for the worship service. Please ask an usher and they will provide one for you if you need either or both.

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing? One from your childhood or one from a special time in your life? Are there hymns that do not appear in the hymnbook that you want to sing? Please email Pastor Susan at susanfpcw@gmail.com and she will add them to her list.

Sunday Morning Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer concern or joy you would like to share with the congregation on Sunday mornings? There is a "Prayer Request" notebook in the narthex near the front door to the sanctuary where you can write your prayer requests for Pastor Susan to share during the Prayers of the People.

Liturgist Sign-up Sheet

The new sign-up sheet is on Pastor Susan’s door. If you would like to serve as a liturgist, please pick a date and write your name on the list. You will be given the liturgy ahead of time. This is a fun and meaningful way to serve.

Our Church Family Prayer Concerns

Harriette Hill and Jack Owings

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

- April 15: Doug Decker
- April 17: Carole Owings
- April 18: Sally Daley and Donna Madison
- April 19: Jerry & Joyce Houchens
- April 20: Frank & Nancy Purnell

Looking Ahead

Apr. 15, Sun.	Choir Practice	9:15am
	Worship	10:30am
	Potluck	After Worship
Apr. 17, Tues.	Finance Team Meeting	10:30am
	Ladies Luncheon.....	11:30am
	Session Meeting	6:00pm
Apr. 18, Wed.	PW Circle	10:00am
	Mission Team Meeting (possibly at Ulrich’s House)	12:00pm
	Choir Practice	6:15pm
Apr. 22, Sun.	Choir Practice	9:15am
	Worship	10:30am
Apr. 24, Tues.	Building & Grounds Meeting	11:00am
	PW Circle.....	2:00pm

The Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Susan Takis	(susanfpcw@gmail.com)
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The Church Session

Moderator	Rev. Susan Takis
Clerk of Session	Louise Fahey
Class of 2018	Barbara England, John Ulrich
Class of 2019	Louise Fahey, Tom McKee
Class of 2020	Chuck Loser, Carol Norton, Fran Simone

The Church Diaconate

Moderator	Nancy Myers
Advisor	Rev. Susan Takis
Class of 2018	Jan Coleman, Connie Emery
Class of 2019	Dru Movizzo, Nancy Myers
Class of 2020	Marilyn Englesbe, Janie Kirkpatrick

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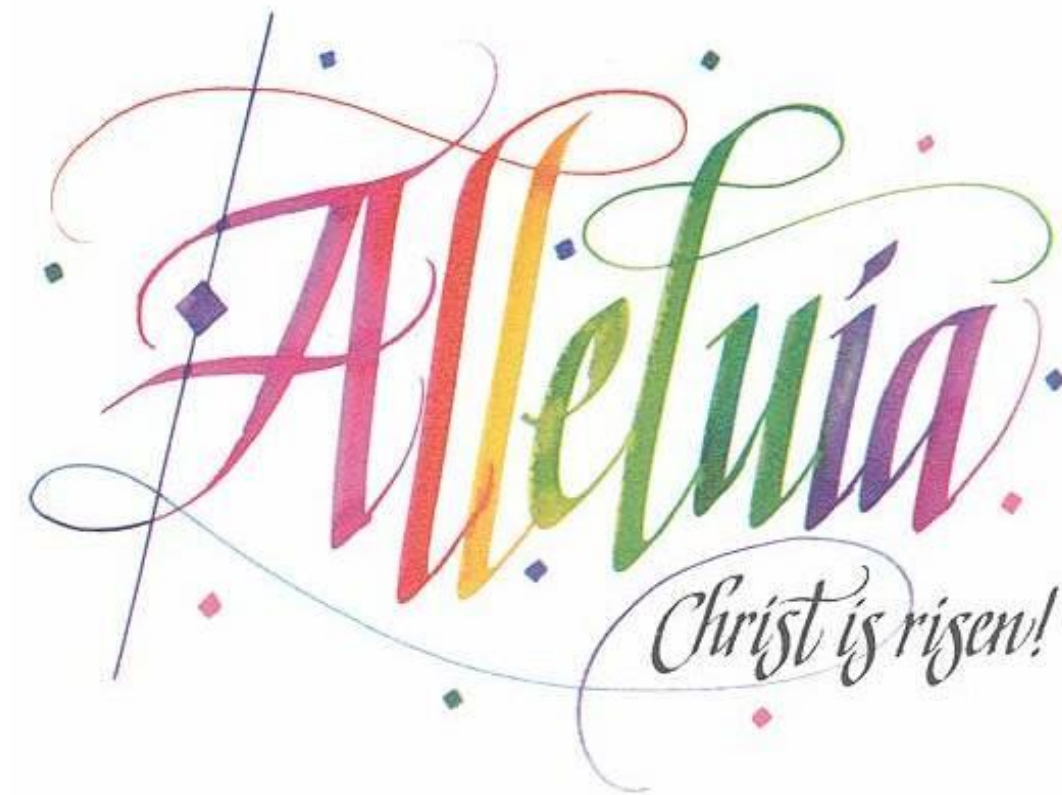
Email: fpcwildwood@embarqmail.com

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**The First Presbyterian Church
of Wildwood**

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THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS:
*To be welcoming, caring, and compassionate,
 joyfully celebrating the Lord, growing spiritually
 through His presence, while sharing His love and grace.*