

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Gathering for Worship

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In Jesus Name* by A. Mieir

OUR MISSION STATEMENT (See front of bulletin)

✦ 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: Christ Jesus is the true vine

People: **and we are the branches.**

Leader: God is love; abide in God,

People: **and God will abide in you.**

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

✦ HYMN #483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden Zart

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; 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 4: 7-21** *Pew Bible pg. 1902*

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* Music by John Rutter
Words by F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

GOSPEL READING **John 15: 1-8** *Pew Bible pg. 1676*

SERMON "Pruned and Prepared" *Rev. Susan Takis*

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN #339 *Be Thou My Vision* *Slane*

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

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

OFFERING

Offertory *Have You Any Room for Jesus* by C. C. Williams

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth to Serve

✦ HYMN #343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

✦ 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 *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord* by A. Williams

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Sound: Terry Becker

Liturgist: Howard Newman

Ushers: Mike & Barb England,
Louise Fahey and Collin Kelly

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
from Kathy & Dave Fries in honor of
Ann & Marty Bruce and Arnold & Marge Fries*

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 29, 2018

Local Mission Project for Mother’s Day, Today and May 6

Please note the flyer in today’s bulletin from the Mission Team. We are collecting items for the domestic violence shelter at Haven House. They are in need of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, lotion and all size diapers for babies. Collection dates are April 29th and May 6th. We hope you consider donating to this worthy cause.

BP Clinic, Sunday, May 6

Join the Health Ministry in the fellowship hall next Sunday following worship for the monthly BP clinic.

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, May 17

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, May 17 at Sammy Joe’s Pizzeria in Mulberry Plaza. We will meet at 12:30pm. Please contact Carol Norton at cjln540@gmail.com or (352)748-3459 for reservations. Look forward to seeing you there!

Discovery Class, Sunday, May 20

Are you a regular attendee who is interested in gathering with others from the congregation and learning more about our church, what it means to be Presbyterian and what membership may look like and mean for you? The upcoming “Discovery Class” is for you! Join Pastor Susan on Sunday afternoon, May 20, from 1:00-4:00pm at the church (following potluck) for conversation. Let her know you are interested in attending by May 13 so she can plan accordingly. Please call the church at (352)748-2530 or email susanfpcw@gmail.com.

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

May 2: Carol Norton

Looking Ahead

Apr. 29, Sun.	Choir Practice	9:15am
	Worship.....	10:30am
May 2, Wed.	Mission Team Meeting.....	10:30am
	Choir Practice	6:15pm
May 6, Sun.	Choir Practice	9:15am
	Communion.....	10:30am
	Blood Pressure Clinic.....	11:30am
May 9, Wed.	Finance Team Meeting	10:30am
	Choir Practice	6:15pm
May 10, Thurs.	Soup Kitchen Board Meeting	11:00am
	PW Circle.....	2:00pm
	Supper Club	5:00pm
May 13, Sun.	Choir Practice	9:15am
	Two Cents A Meal.....	10:30am
May 14, Mon.	Deacon’s Meeting	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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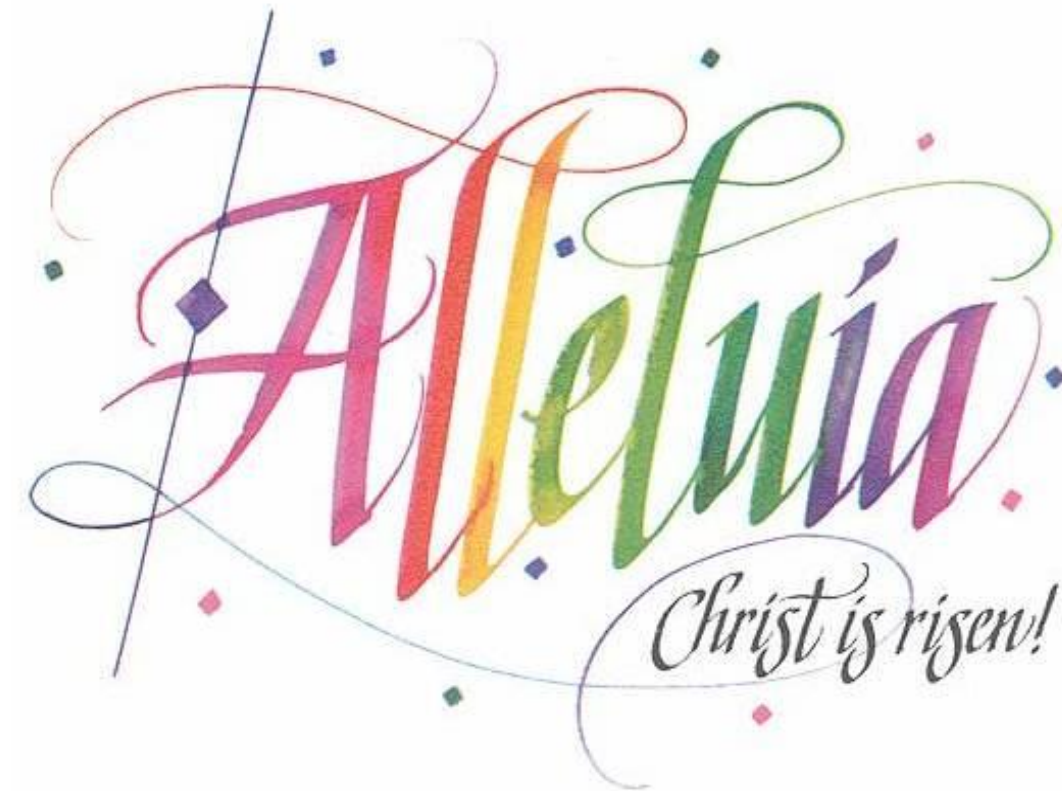
Email: fpcwildwood@embarqmail.com

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

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

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April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter



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.*