

## The FPC Week

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 A.M. 10th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 7th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office
<b>M-W-F</b>	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class - Fellowship Hall
<b>Tues/Thur.</b>	9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. FPC Day School
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study @ YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 5/6 gr boys & girls @ KidsHouse 7:00 A.M. 7th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 8th gr girls Bible study @ Ladies Parlor 7:00 A.M. 8th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office 7:00 A.M. 11/12 gr boys Bible study @ YH office 2:00 P.M. Knit for Kids
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ YH 7:00 A.M. 11/12 gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 3:15-6:00 P.M. KidsQuest 5:30-6:30 P.M. Jr. High Bible study @ YH 6:30-8:00 P.M. Sr. High Bible Study @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 A.M. 9th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 9th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 A.M. 10th gr boys Bible study @ downstairs YH

\* The church office is closed on Fridays CCLI 1203745

## The Church Calendar

April 21	"The Feast" Potluck & Worship 5 p.m.
April 26 & 27	FPC Hosting Presbytery Meeting
April 27	Farmers Market Opens
April 28	Joy Riders - Beatles Tribute Orpheum
April 28	Committee Night 5 p.m.
May 1	<i>No KidsQuest</i>
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 5	Communion Sunday
May 5	Session Meeting 5 p.m.
May 12	Deacon's Meeting 8 a.m.
May 15	Last KidsQuest of School Year
May 19	Baccalaureate Sunday
May 19	"The Feast" Potluck & Worship 5 p.m.
May 21	Joy Riders Leave for Alaska Cruise
May 22	Last YouthHouse Meeting of School Year
May 27	Memorial Day

## Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Mark Mazurkiewicz
Greeter:	Randy & Dianne Lambert
Acolytes:	Grace Windsor & Sellers Brumfield
Ushers:	Mark Mazurkiewicz, Hunter McCalla, Brent Johnson, Christian Albarracin, Trey Williams
Circle of Prayer:	Becky Stewart, Malechi Doren, Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Room:	Morgan Williams & Laura Kate Carmichiel
Tech Crew:	Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

## The Flowers

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, and in honor of John Farris and Preston Owings. You bring us so much joy! We love you! by Jessica Owings & Amanda Aust

# Welcome!

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!

This bulletin is also available on our website, [fpccorinth.org](http://fpccorinth.org).

The following services are provided to make your worship with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible:

♦ **A Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, during Sunday School and the Worship Service. The nursery and toddler classrooms are located in the Education Wing by the playground.

♦ **Children's Church** is for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. They have their very own Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall, located in the back of the campus on the northeast corner. *It will be noted in the bulletin any Sunday we will not be having Children's Church.*

♦ A wheelchair (access next to east entrance) and an oxygen tank are located in the large closet just off the narthex entrance and are available for anyone who has a need. Ushers will assist you.

A welcome/prayer card is available in each pew. We welcome your prayer requests, as these are brought before our Lord during our prayer time each Sunday, after the Worship Service, in our Chapel. You may use the card to tell us about yourself, and to invite our Pastor, Waring Porter, to call you or pay you a visit.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

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LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY**

**The Piano Prelude** Jill Taylor

**Call to Meditation:** Revelation 19:1  
“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,  
for his judgments are true and just.”

**The Prelude** Malechi Doren

**Choral Introit:** “As We Gather”

(\*please stand)

**\*Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

**Leader:** Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**All:** *The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.*

**Leader:** We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**All:** *We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.*

**Leader:** Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All:** *Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.*

**\*The Hymn:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (vv. 1-3) No. 3

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

**Leader:** Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
**All:** *who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

**Leader:** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**All:** *The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

**All:** *Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

**\*Congregational Response:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (v. 4) No. 3

**\*Profession of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed

*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.*

(\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

**\*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer:**

*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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

**PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

*Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins. Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Divine Pardon:** I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**\*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.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*The Doxology and 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*

**The Choral Anthem:** “Trust and Obey”

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will; He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.*

(Refrain)  
*Trust and obey, for there’s no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.*

(Repeat Refrain)

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet  
Or we’ll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.*

(Repeat Refrain)

*Yes, trust and obey.*

-Sammis, Towner, DeVries

**PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH**

**Scripture Reading:** John 4:43-54

**Scripture Response:** Psalm 119:12,16

**Leader:** This is the Word of God

**All:** “Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your Word.”

**Sermon:** “LEARNING TO BELIEVE: A Growing Faith”

**Prayer of Commitment**

**\*Hymn:** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” No. 371

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Choral Benediction:** “Benediction (Two-Part)”

**\*Postlude**

Malechi Doren

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*Announcements*

**WEEKLY PRAYER** Join the Body of Christ at FPC in prayer for our church's mission, "To Be Disciples...To Make Disciples." We will gather in the sanctuary from 8:00-8:30 a.m. every Thursday morning for a brief time in God's Word and in prayer.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU’VE JOINED US** today by signing the Attendance Pad located in each pew. A “Connect Card” is available on the back of each pew if you have a prayer request, need to speak with our pastor, or need to change your contact information. Please place the card in the offering plate. *If you’d like to receive our weekly email, please put your email address on a “Connect Card”, and place in the offering plate.*

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** is being held in the Fellowship Hall for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. The Fellowship Hall is located in the back of the church campus on the northeast corner. Nursery and toddler rooms for infants - 3 years are located in the Education Wing. The entrance is behind the playground on the west side of the church campus.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** go to Karen Cowart, and her family, at the passing of her father, Donald Ray Downs, April 15, 2024.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST!**

FPC’s monthly potluck dinner and worship service is this evening, with a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. (*bring your favorite dish to share*) and a very relaxing worship service, with some great music, at 6 p.m.

**PARENTING IN THE TECHNOLOGY AGE**, parent meeting has been postponed to later this summer.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Alcorn County Courthouse steps. Light Up the Word - Light Up the World: Join in Prayer with the Body of Christ for the Salvation of America. Please bring a lawn chair.

Sermon Text John 4:43-54

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he departed for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) <sup>45</sup> So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

**Jesus Heals an Official's Son**

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.