

NEWS IN THE PEWS

Worship can also be viewed through the church's Website and Facebook page. A special Thank You to Elder Rick Pomeroy for bringing many separate videos together into one service. Also, appreciation for Sheri Masiakowski for music and recording expertise.

If you would like prayers included in next Sunday, please call me or the church office 262-786-5850 and leave a message or email them to me by Wednesday.

Please remember we give to honor God and give thanks for the many blessings we experience. If you are able please remember to support Forest Park Presbyterian Church. You can mail in your pledges or contributions. The Mail is being picked up periodically, so it is safe mail it in.

We will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). We will get an account set up through the online giving. We are waiting for this option to be added.

Session Notes - The April Messenger is on hold. Since many activities are cancelled/postponed. We will attempt to get some information out each week.

Based on the current recommendations, in-person worship is suspended through April. Session will meet on April 16th and will let you know if that needs to be extended again.

Session is working with GAPC to extend the time of sharing my pastoral services into May with an option to extend it further as necessary so we can have a healthy goodbye.

Deacons News—Please remember to contact your Care Group Leader for concerns or suggestion on how we may provide care during this challenging time. Joe DeGaro is Deacon on Call for April 262-364-8123.



Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.



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Second Sunday of Easter—Bright Sunday—19 April 2020

**Those who are able please stand*

(Please date, fill out, and pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor.)

APRIL 19, 2020

BRIGHT SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

FOREST PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES, INTERIM

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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

SILENT PRAYER OF MEDITATION:

Eternal God, be with us this day and every day. Show us the way you want us to live, guide us and inspire each of us to be the best “me” we can be. Give us a nudge when we stray from the path you’ve set forth for us. Now and each day, may we live in Your light. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER MARK BRODACZYNSKI

GATHERING MUSIC

AWAKE MY HEART WITH GLADNESS

SHERI MASIAKOWSKI

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Laugh and the world laughs with you!

Cry and let God and others be of comfort to you.

Pray and know the Lord will hear you!

Thanks be to God!

REV. BRUCE JONES

**HYMN#775

“I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME”

WALK WITH

ME

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Sometimes when we laugh, it is at others. This is unworthy of us as Christians. Teach us to laugh instead, WITH others and AT ourselves. Give us humility and strength to live lives that inspire others; to lift them up, not put them down, and provide for the good of humanity and the betterment of all. Let's pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

How often you must laugh at your human creations, Holy God! We puff ourselves up and strut about, behaving as if we are more important than others. We realize that we are imperfect beings, but it is difficult for us to admit. Guide us and teach us, for in our posturing we miss out on the joy of walking with Jesus. Fill us with the extravagance of the Easter miracle, and with laughter that brings healing to our often wounded spirits. Open us to receive the love you pour into us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

In God all things are possible. When we cooperate with one another, we work toward the betterment of all. Thanks be to God, who loves us and shows us the way.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

IRINA YANOVSKAYA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

BRUCE

Lord, sometimes I wonder how You can watch humanity and not laugh at us loudly enough for us to hear. We can be silly, and do things that would make a sailor blush with embarrassment - - or even make a nun want to swear. Like a good sitcom, our actions (or inactions) must provide great entertainment for You and everyone in Heaven! Real life can be more entertaining than comedy in a theater or an old fashioned slap-stick vaudeville show. Guide us, that we may learn to treat each other as we wish to be treated. We know we’ll continue to entertain you (because we still will find a way) --but help us to live our lives as You intend. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

ECCLESIASTES 2:2, 3:4, 10:19, JAMES 5:13, JOB 8:2

PROVERBS 14:13,15:15, 17:22, PSALM 126:2

SERMON:

CHUCKLES, GUFFAWS, GIGGLES AND HA HA

HYMN #288

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

LIVING GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

BRUCE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

During these times we are grateful for what we have. We are glad to give to others what we can. Blessings in these times are many, thanks be to God! Amen

**Hymn#465

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse

Charge and Benediction

Mark

Postlude “Hallelujah Chorus” - G. F. Handel / Arr. John Carter

Sheri