



GATHERING

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, *pastor*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Collin Whitfield, *organist*

Consolation No. 3 in D-flat Major (Franz Liszt)

▲ OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

O Lord our God,
you have prepared for us good gifts
that surpass our understanding.
As we worship you today,
pour into our hearts such love towards you,
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (HYFRYDOL)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Paul Ytterrock, *pastor*

Lord, you come to us,
but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

THE WORD

▲ GATHERING SONG

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

REFRAIN

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Patti Higgins, *lector*

REFRAIN

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Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:9-17

▲ SECOND READING: ACTS 10:44-48

REFRAIN

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Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

SERMON

“The Trajectory of the Gospel”

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 770

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” (WELCOME TABLE)

LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

"If ye love me" (Thomas Tallis)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.*

▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 universal Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

▲ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DEPARTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (ASSURANCE)

▲ CHARGE

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

"We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba"

*We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

▲ POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2, Op. 65 (Felix Mendelssohn)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

"What If Jesus Was Serious About Heaven?
A Visual Guide to Experiencing God's Kingdom
Among Us" by Skye Jethani

Facilitated by Betty Harris and Carol Hostetler
Wednesdays | 10:00a | Room 129



WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION SERIES: "THE ECHO OF A TUNE NOT YET HEARD"

On Wednesday nights through May 15, we are exploring the relationship between music and our faith, treating our favorite songs as "echoes of a tune we have not yet heard." We will be using the music we turn to to express our emotional peaks and valleys as vehicles to consider how they might also be pointing us toward the kingdom of God exploring a different theme each week. For more information about each theme, visit: www.fpcf.org/faith-formation.



FLINT 6K: MAY 18, 2024

The Flint 6k is a family-friendly run/walk through Chevy Commons impacting local and global water initiatives. Each race registration provides clean drinking water for one person in the developing world through World Vision + a donation to the Flint Kids Fund through our sponsors. For more information and registration, visit flint6k.run. Save \$10 with code EMPOWERMOMS through May 13!



FPCF KIDS

Family Movie/Game Night will be Friday, May 17, 6:00-8:00p in The Grove. Dinner and snacks will be provided! Bring your favorite game to share!

Our 6th Grade Crossover will be Sunday, June 9 from 4:00-6:00p in the parking lot! Join us for fun, food and inflatables for the whole family as our 6th graders cross over into Pipe Youth!



HALLWAY GALLERY: "YOUTH ART FESTIVAL"

Our new art exhibit now hanging in our hallway gallery is a display of Butterfly & Peacock Handimals led through a workshop taught by Jasmin Allen and created by Motherly Intercession and our own FPCF Children's Ministry.

This artwork will also be on display and open to the community during our Second Friday Flint ArtWalk on Friday, May 10 from 6:00-9:00p with music provided by Isa and Senna Younger at 6:15p.



PIPE YOUTH

Join us for Pipe today at 4:00p for food, fellowship and a good time! Open to all 7-12th graders so bring a friend and join us! Pipe will not meet on May 12 (Mother's Day).

Join us in welcoming our newest members of Pipe Youth as they transition over from the Children's Ministry on Sunday, June 9 from 4:00-6:00p. We will have fun, food and inflatables in the church parking lot! See you there!



CARRIAGE TOWN BOX LUNCH FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, June 2 (preorder by 5/27) and Thursday, June 13 (preorder by 6/3) our partner organization, Carriage Town Ministries is once again holding their box lunch fundraiser. Proceeds will help to provide men and women at Carriage Town a place to stay, eat, heal and worship. If you are interested, you may place your order online at carriagetown.org/events or call 810.233.8787. Lunch includes a chicken salad sandwich, broccoli slaw, fresh fruit, chips and freshly made Blueline donut holes for a suggested donation of \$12!

**SAVE THE DATE: ERIN + COLLIN WHITFIELD
VOCAL AND PIANO RECITAL**

On June 2 at 4:00p join soprano, Erin Whitfield and pianist-organist, Collin Whitfield for an evening of German and French Romantic music. The program will include works by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, Franck, and Fauré. Recital will be followed by reception in the Great Hall.

As always, concerts at First Presbyterian Flint are free to the public as part of the church's community mission to celebrate God's gifts of the arts.

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE****Pastors**

Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak (Senior Pastor)
Rev. Dr. Paul Ytterrock (Associate Pastor)

Organist

Collin Whitfield

Lector

Patti Higgins

Acolytes

Axel Monroe, banner
Ella Rossmassler, light

ASL Interpreter

Karly Blandford

**LIVING PLANT MEMORIALS**

In loving memory of my husband, Martin Vallee, by his wife, Dawn.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****TODAY (05/05)**

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service
4:00p Pipe Youth

MONDAY (05/06)

8:00a Jeremiah Project
5:30p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY (05/07)

10:00a Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (05/08)

10:00a Sewing Ladies Meeting
10:00a Women's Bible Study
5:15p Family Dinner
6:00p Adult Faith Formation
FPCF Kid's Choir
Pipe Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY (05/09)

9:00a Food Bank Volunteer Group (Offsite)
10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (05/10)

6:00p Second Friday Artwalk

SATURDAY (05/11)

9:00a Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY (05/12)

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service

