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FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH "A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor" Easter Sunday: Christ Is Risen!

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones and maintain a reverential quiet as you prepare your heart and mind to worship God. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastor, please fill out a prayer card and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship. "Easter Day" C. Loret

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! One: The tomb is empty.

All: The grave could not hold him.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

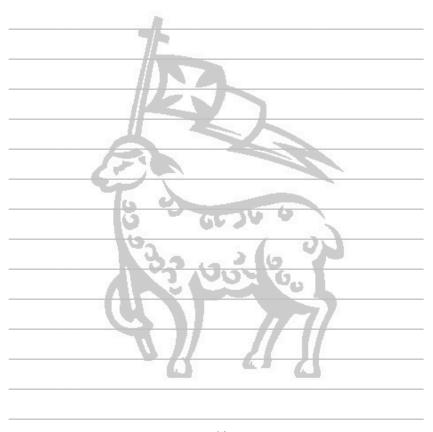
OPENING PRAYER

Blessings and prayers for our church members who are currently undergoing physical therapy and/or are awaiting an operation/procedure.

Ongoing Prayers for:

Mark Mell, Gerard Horn, Robert Crawshaw, Don Parkhurst, Keith Lebo, Wendell Jordan, Monica DeFriese, John & Joan Bowerman, Gene Gangwish, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Fred & Jean Muncert, Bruce McLaren, Barbara Townsend, Diane Offenbecher, Jackie McNally, & Dayle Godlewski.

NOTES:



in Cambodia. The Book Club meets at 10:45am, the 3rd Wednesday of every month, in the Zarfoss Library. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Hack at 717-521-3626 or Sue Skelly at 717-234-8035.

BIBLE STUDY: Please, join Karen Schmidt in the Zarfoss Library on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30am, on April 2, 9, & 16. From Jesus' humble birth in Bethlehem to His miraculous acts, get a fantastic overview of major events surrounding Jesus' life and ministry:

- Fishing with the Master: Jesus Calls for the Disciples
- Disease Conquered: Jesus Heals the Sick
- Defeating the Enemy: Jesus Casts Out Demons

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Virginia: Battling cancer & going through treatment. Good friend of Karen Miller.

The Family & Friends of Richard Evans: Passed away March 4.

Rose Jewell-Jordan: Recovering at home.

The Family & Friends of Rev. Dr. Raymond Anderson: Passed away Friday March 15. Pray for his children: Erik, Jennifer, & Martin Anderson. **Ronald Neumann:** Pray for a liver transplant.

Christine Constantine's father.

Kelly: Neice of the Beck's. Fell and broke 2 vertebrae. She is in a lot of pain and will need surgery.

Michele: Neice of the Shallcross'. In the ICU

following surgery on Friday.

Terry Hack: Happy Birthday! March 24th.

*HYMN # 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries, and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Friends, hear and believe and celebrate the good news:

All: Through the power of the resurrected Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – use tune #254 (*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*)

All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please rise, remain in your pew, and greet one another by waving to each other.)

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, 29 Old Testament, pg. # 565

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Our Savior is Alive!

Words by N. Price and D. Besig

Chancel Choir Music by D. Besig

SECOND READING -

John 20: 1-18

New Testament, pg. # 114

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Jesus On the Move Elder Rosamond Presby

*HYMN # 246 Christ Is Alive!

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based in part on 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8)

fund for the purchase of an electronic sign for the church. The menu will include hot dogs, walking tacos, macaroni and cheese, water, soda, coffee, and tea. **The PA Dairymen's Association will be there selling Farm Show Milkshakes from 12pm – 4pm.**

We will also be holding a bake sale. We are asking for volunteers to bake cookies. If you choose to bake cookies, we ask that you make at least three dozen. Please package them 4 to a pack and MAKE SURE TO LABEL THEM so we know what type of cookies they are. Also PLEASE INDICATE IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

We are looking for volunteers to help that day. A wide variety of talents are needed from making hot dogs and walking tacos to manning the bake table. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Thank you in advance for your support of what we hope will be a successful fundraiser.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Please remember to sign up for Chancel Flowers. The following dates are still available: June 16, 23 & 30. September 1. October 20. December 1.

FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB: For the April 17th meeting: *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel has been chosen. It is based on a true story from World War II where a young woman with a talent in forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis. The book club picked *The Rent Collector*, by Camron Wright for the book to discuss on May 15. It is a story of hope and redemption as a young mother struggles to survive

SUNDAY, April 7TH COMMUNION

9:30am **Adult Sunday School:** *Nevada Room*

11:00am **Worship:** *Śanctuary*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISSION-A-MONTH: April's Mission a Month is Krislund Camp's Annual Fund Appeal. This fund provides the essential operating funds to ensure that Krislund continues to thrive as a place of growth and inspiration to everyone attending camp. For over 60 years, Krislund has offered Christ-centered programming, high adventure opportunities, outdoor experiences and authentic relationships to everyone who attends. If you have ever attended Krislund, you will remember what it meant to you and how it touched your heart. Memories are made at this camp. Please make your check payable to the Church by April 28 and note Krislund on the memo line. Blessings and thanks to you for your support of this fund and the future of Krislund.

BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR: The Nurture Committee invites you to join us after church on April 21st for pizza and Bible trivia. The questions won't be too hard and will only pertain to the information that has been covered so far in the Read the Bible in Year challenge we issued to you the beginning of the year. We hope you will join us for a time of fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Gathering Area by April 18th.

FUNDRAISER: We will be holding an Election Day Fundraiser during primary election is April 23rd. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go into a

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL MEDITATION "O Blessed is He" Schubert / arr. E. Hazelle

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, #606)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, and your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept our offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Send us out into the world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN

*HYMN # 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE -Hymn # 601 "Amen"

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune on 'Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" D. Lasky

*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

REMINDER: Please silence mobile phones.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to the church office by Friday to be included for Sunday's service. Email to: fipcoffice@lifeinfaith.org

SANITIZED HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from ushers. Shawls are also available to borrow from ushers.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE for restrooms, including a handicapped restroom, and worship service Family Quiet Room is posted in the Gathering Area. Please, ask ushers for assistance.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED. You may appear on camera. Services are recorded on YouTube.

TODAY IN WORSHIP - 11:00 am

Ushers: Susan Anthony & Gary Souders

Lay Reader: Terry Hack



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Apr 1	Jackie Webb
Apr 2	Mickey Hoffman
Apr 5	Alyssa Walters
Apr 6	Sue Skelly
Apr 7	Tracie Sapen



Today's Chancel Flowers are placed by Susan Skelly: "To the Glory of our Risen Lord."

UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL MARCH 31st THRU April 7th

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY

9:30am Adult Sunday School Canceled

11:00am **Worship:** *Sanctuary*

MONDAY, April 1ST

3:30pm **Choir Rehearsal:** *Music Room* 5:45pm **Handbell Rehearsal:** *Music Room*

TUESDAY, April 2ND

10:00am **Bible Study:** Zarfoss Library

1:00pm **Game Time**: Shaffer Hall

2:30pm **Nurture Committee:** Zarfoss Library

6:30pm Congregational Life Committee:

Zarfoss Library

7:00pm **Jim Milbrand Band Rehearsal:**

Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, April 3RD

6:30pm **Girl Scouts:** Shaffer Hall

THURSDAY, April 4TH

6:00pm PNC Meeting: Nevada Room

7:00pm **Mission Committee:** Zarfoss Library