

Middle School Youth Sunday

April 15, 2018

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prélude

T. Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, today we gather to witness you.

All: **You bring glory to all the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.**

Leader: Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

All: **You call us to go and bring good news to your people.**

Leader: Lord, today we gather to praise you.

All: **You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence. Lord, today we gather to worship you.**

*Hymn #461

God Is Here!

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, it's plain and simple...

All: **our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are different from your ways. Try as we may, we are unable to walk in perfect step with you.**

Leader: We put other things first...

All: **our social lies, our to-do lists, our addictions, our arrogance. And yet, you still give us a chance to shape our thoughts and ways around you. Forgive our misplaced priorities, O God. Shape our behavior and our lifestyles by the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, that we might better follow you in all we say and do.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*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, Amen.

Hymn #579

*Lighting the Peace Candle and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

(11:00) Following our time together, children ages 3 & 4 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the Ground level, while children in Kindergarten and 1st grade are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the Main level.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-11

Reflection

Duncan Batt

Scripture Lesson: John 15:12-17

Reflection

Eva Barauskas

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn #418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: In the midst of our overstuffed schedules, when we are pulled in a thousand different directions and have a million things to do, God's Word reminds us that we are called to look beyond ourselves, to do nothing out of selfishness, and to walk beside each other in love. We do this because we follow Jesus:

All: **who, though he was in the form of God, didn't think of equality with God as something to hold onto for his own advantage.**

Instead, he gave up everything, became a servant and was born as a tiny baby. Then he humbled himself even more, and became obedient to God even to the point of death— death on a cross.

In response to this obedience, God lifted Jesus to the highest place of honor, giving him a name that deserves respect more than any other, so that the mere mention of Jesus' name would one day cause everyone— in heaven, on earth, and under the earth— to fall to their knees in awe and wonder.

Because Jesus humbled himself, everyone will come to know that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory

Christ is Risen, O Be Joyful

D. E. Wagner

*Doxology

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.

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

G. Mushel

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Participating youth: Maya Adams, Brady Byrne, Aaron Dendy, Kirsten Foster, Henry Gilbert, Virginia Haga, Will Kittrell, Leland Landes, Luke Libbey, Ben Mays, Kasey Morris, Caroline Moss, Mary Macon Pettyjohn, Libbie Sommardahl, Robert Sorenson, Audrey Thompson

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, April 15

- 8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:55 a.m. Spiritual Growth (Various Classrooms)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126 and Room 1)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (Fellowship Hall/MS Youth Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (off-site)

Monday, April 16

- 9:00 a.m. GME Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 12:45 p.m. BIG 4 LIFE (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, April 17

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)

Wednesday, April 18

- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)

Thursday, April 19

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for April: PersisTinsley 384-1547 and Janice Barrett (917) 576-0059

Leonard Scholarship: The 2018-2019 program is now receiving applications. Contact office@fpcl.org or Ann at 384-6231 to request an application. Deadline is the first Monday of May 2018.

Spring Breakfast hosted by Sally Leslie & Friends next Sunday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend; there is no cost, and no reservation is required.

Memorial Gifts:

- In Memory of Don Giles**, by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt
- In Memory of Don Giles**, by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones
- In Memory of Kitty Snead**, by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cleland
- In Memory of Kitty Snead**, by Marge Dillard
- In Honor of Kathleen Lifsey**, by Sue Willis (designated to Youth Ministry)
- In Memory of Carolyn Phillips**, by Frances Giles
- In Memory of Carolyn Phillips**, by Cora Harvey
- In Memory of Colin Caldwell**, by Lisa Ackers (designated to Malawi Mission Fund)
- In Memory of Colin Caldwell**, by the Berkley Family (designated to Malawi Mission Fund)
- In Memory of Colin Caldwell**, by The Chancel Choir (designated to Malawi Mission Fund)
- In Memory of Colin Caldwell**, by Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Dodd



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