

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
Eight Forty-Five & Eleven O'Clock Worship Services
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Ayre J. Barr

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

All: The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Leader: Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; write them on the tablet of your heart.

All: God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

*Hymn #467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, our heavenly Father, we are exceedingly frail, and not disposed to virtue. Forgive our sins, strengthen our weakness, and make us valiant in the spiritual war we fight within and without. Guard us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts, for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 14

*Gloria (p. 579) Greatorex

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.

Concerns of the Church

Children's Moment (11:00 A.M.)

WORSHIP WORKSHOP (11:00 A.M.) - for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades (Gateways to Worship) in the classrooms across from the Nursery.

*Hymn #84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00) Wondrous Love P. Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of Life to bear the heavy cross,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

That Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-8 (pew Bible p. 155)

New Testament Lesson: Acts 23:11-24 (pew Bible p. 144)

Sermon **Acts 23: "Obstacles and Opportunities"** John M. Scholer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Offering

Offertory Elegy J. Jordan

*Doxology (p. 591) Old Hundredth

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Passion Chorale

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Pavane W. Byrd

*Those who are able, please stand

* * * * The ushers will seat worshipers

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We welcome all who have joined us for worship today. All worshippers are asked to sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Concerns of the Church. We're glad you're here!

Church Membership: If you are without a church home in Lynchburg, you would be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. The Session meets in the History Room to receive new members immediately following each worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Infants and Young Children: If your child needs attention, you are welcome to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the worship service, or you may want to take your child to the Nursery (Room #8, Ground Floor). An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are hearing impaired, we have special devices available in the Narthex before the service. Simply ask an usher for help.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Sara Elizabeth Ragsdale Eskridge and her entire family in loving memory of Lois Lockett Ragsdale, devoted wife, caring mother, and beloved grandmother.

INSPIRED TO HELP – FELLOWSHIP DINNER [Wednesday, 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall] – This Wednesday, March 24, Community Missions will be educating, sharing, and entertaining the congregation for this month's family night fellowship supper. The title of our program is **Inspired to Help** and we will assure you that it will do precisely that. We will be educating you with the many opportunities to help others in the community. We will be sharing some of the information as to what you have so graciously done in the effort of giving back to the community. **Sterling Wilder** and the **Youth Choir from Jubilee Family Center** will be providing some great entertainment for us. This will be a wonderful night for the church and fun for all, fellowship for all, and please encourage the youth to attend as there will be a special opportunity for them to help in sharing with the Jubilee youth. Please sign up in the Narthex for Wednesday, March 24.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – LADIES NIGHT: Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 P.M. Topic: Pearson Cancer Center – ALL GOOD NEWS!!, presented by Dr. Anita Joy Hilliard, Associate Medical Director. Please join us. Remember – a reservation made is a reservation paid.

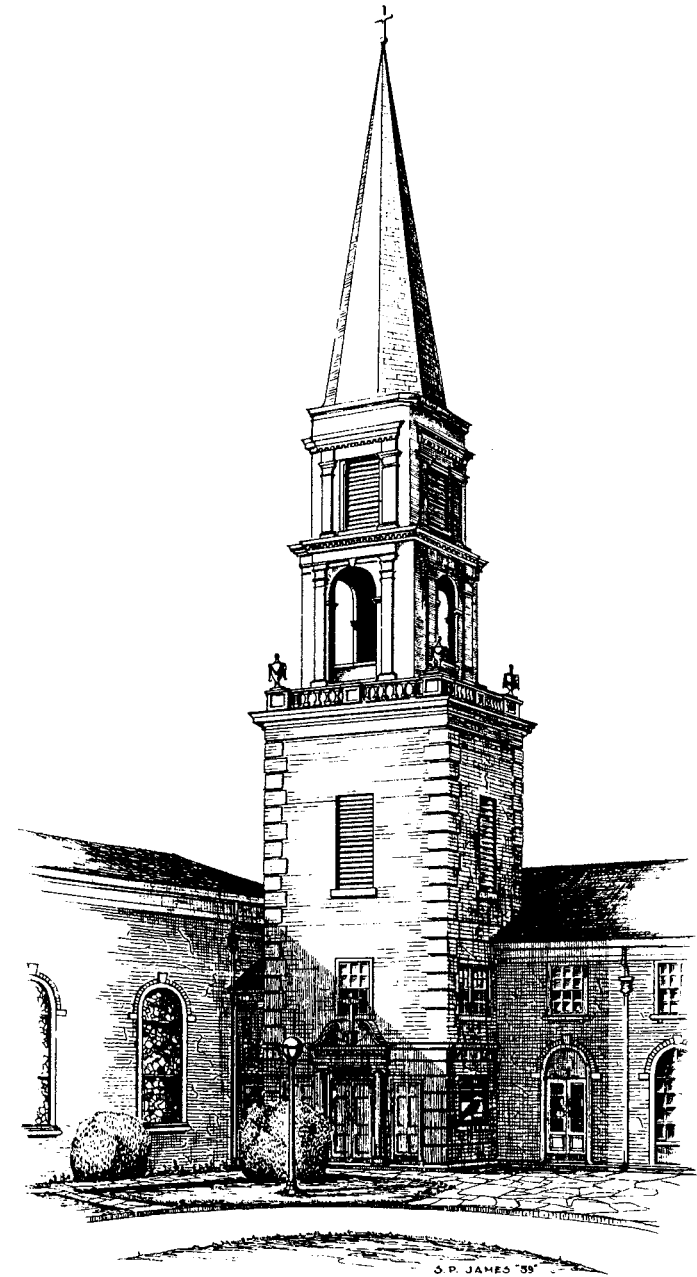
THE LIVING CROSS: It has become a tradition at First Presbyterian Church to place a cross on the circle lawn at the church entrance. Those coming to worship on Easter morning bring the cross to life by placing fresh flowers on it. The Living Cross is a lovely part of our service each year. Please bring your cut flowers on Easter morning.

Holy Week Services

March 28	Palm Sunday
April 1	Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:30 P.M.)
April 2	Good Friday Service (12:30 P.M.)
April 4	Easter Sunrise Service (6:50 A.M.)
	Easter Morning Breakfast (following service)
	Easter Worship Services (8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.)
	Sunday School (10:00 A.M.)

First Presbyterian Church

**Virginia Episcopal School Road
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