

Service of Divine Worship – April 18, 2010  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Bible Memory Verse: “Hark, sing glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous”  
Psalm 118:15

PRELUDE  
(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

*We Gather To Worship our God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ELDER, BOB HOLLAND

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813  
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.

*We Enter into God's Grace*

CALL TO WORSHIP #61 BLESS THE LORD YOUR GOD ELDER, BOB HOLLAND

PRAYER OF WELCOMING ELDER, BOB HOLLAND

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #63 “ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

*Ministry of Prayer and Grace*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT) REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

*We Are Attentive to God's Word*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 4

ANTHEM “HE IS EXALTED” TWILA PARIS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY  
+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY ACTS 3: 12-19

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #390 “SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART”

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 24: 36-48  
PASTOR: The Word of the Lord  
ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE “TELL YOUR FACTS TO SHUT UP” REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

*We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving*

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #384 “SPIRIT SONG”

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

“On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! And you are each warmly welcomed to worship Him.”

**VISITORS:** We welcome you. If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor's bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON** *“Jesus knew quite well that even in his post-Resurrection appearances with the disciples that people would continue to question His rising from the dead. It was commonly known in Jerusalem that the Temple authorities began to spread rumors that some of his followers stole his body from the tomb and hid it, so to foster the claims of his resurrection. All Jesus could do is offer His hands and feet, with the evidence of the nails intact as proof that he overcame death and the grave. In the face of facts, some would rather tell our facts to shut up. Things have not changed.”* --Pastor Gregory

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Tuesday through Friday. If it's after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of April are George Warner at 215-794-0160 or Bob Holland at 609-397-2688.

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

#### **TODAY**

**Lay Leader**, Bob Holland  
**Greeting** today Mrs. Pat Buchanan  
Grace Hendricks is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty  
**Nursery for church hour is provided** for infants and children up to five years old. Katie Gregory is the **nursery helper** this morning.  
**Coffee Hour after worship**  
7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy  
9:30 PM Soccer

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 PM, **Session Meeting**  
7:00 PM, **Deacons Meeting**  
7:30 PM, Scouts  
9:30 PM, Soccer

#### **TUESDAY**

7:15 PM, Praise Band  
9:00 PM, **AA**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM, Women's Bible Study  
9:30 Soccer

#### **THURSDAY**

6:15 PM, Bell Choir  
7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7 PM, Famalias De Hoy  
9:30 PM Soccer

#### **FRIDAY**

5:30 PM, AA  
Chamber in gym

**SATURDAY** Shad Festival – Chamber in gym

**NEXT SUNDAY** April 25, 2010

**No Adult Sunday School**  
**10:00 AM, Morning Worship**  
**No Coffee Hour**  
**7 PM, Famalias De Hoy**  
**9:30 PM, Soccer**

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**JUST A REMINDER!**  
**Next Sunday is Shad Festival**  
**Morning Worship will be at 10 AM**  
**There will be no Coffee Hour after worship.**

**Sign Up To Help With Shad Festival – The dates for this year's Shad Fest are April 24 and 25. Your help will be need for the Fish Pond and with the Deacons table.**

**Couples Relationship Enrichment Retreat:** Does your relationship need a tune-up? Would you like to enhance your relationship with your beloved? Would you like to know how to solve everyday communication issues about marriage and family. Pastor Gregory will be leading a couples retreat at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center, Long Beach island, NJ – **Friday to Sunday, November 19-21.** Total cost for a couple, including private accommodations, bath and 4 meals is \$300 a couple. Payments of \$150 will be requested in July and October. This will be open to 6 couples from the church on a first come, first served basis.

**The Summer Season, June 20<sup>th</sup> to September 12, Pastor Gregory will once again preach on your requested themes and topics. The request form is in the April *Light*, and included as an insert today. Please return to the church office by May 15.**

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Barbara Hendricks (sister-in-law of Grace Hendricks) recuperating after hip surgery; Marian Hartpence, Health issues; Joyce Hayes (mother of Pat Buchanan), health issues.

**HOME BOUND:** Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

**SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: April 25, 2010**

**Lay Leader:** Rich Hopkins

**Greeting:** Miss Esther Johnson

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Grace Hendricks

**Church Hour Nursery:** Jim and LaNelle Gallagher

### *Hymn Tyme*

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

All the magnificent wonders of nature reveal the majesty of God and glorify Him. From the grateful heart of a devoted monk in the year 1225 came this beautiful message. As a great lover of nature, Saint Francis saw the hand of God in all creation, and he urged men to respond with expressions of praise and alleluia.

Giovanni Bernardone, the real name of Saint Francis, demonstrated through his own life all the tender, humble, forgiving spirit and absolute trust in God that this hymn urges others to have. At the age of 25, Bernardone left an indulgent life as a soldier, renounced his inherited wealth, and determined to live meagerly and to imitate the selfless life of Christ.

Saint Francis appreciated the importance of church music and encouraged singing in his monastery. He wrote more than 60 hymns for this purpose. The beautiful expression of praise in today’s hymn has endured throughout the centuries.