

Announcements

State of the Church Luncheon | Immediately after worship today. All are invited. Members are especially encouraged to attend. If you have food sensitivities, there are options available in the kitchen. If you have questions, please see Maggie Banks

VBS Applications are Open! | VBS will be June 1-5 from 9am-noon, for rising PreK-5th Grade. If you know that you'd like to attend, letting us know early helps us plan more effectively. Huge thanks to those of you who have already signed up! You can access applications for students and volunteers at fpcpooler.org/VBS2026

Women's Study | Meets Monday at 1pm (discussion only) or Wednesday at 6pm for recorded teaching time or you can watch on your own and come at 6:30 for discussion.

VBS Skit Practice | **5pm** on Wednesday.

5:11 Group | Meets Thursday at noon at the Grovensteins' home. For more information, please contact Cindy Cox (coxch@att.net)

Church Work Day | There is a work day on April 18 at 9:30am to help with minor repairs and projects around the facility.

Prayer Meeting | At 5:30 pm next Sunday, April 19th is our monthly church-wide prayer meeting & fellowship meal. Childcare is provided.

Women's Retreat | Registration is now open for our women's retreat, open to ladies 3rd grade and up. This year's topic is "Made for More" and is about our identity in Christ. We will learn, laugh, eat, and play together. You can register by scanning the QR code at the left.

This Week at a Glance:

Mon	1:00p	Women's Study	Church Conference Room
Wed	5:00p	VBS Skit Practice	Youth Room
	6:00p	Youth Group	Youth Room
	6:00p	Women's Study	Women's Classroom
Thurs	6:30a	Front Porch Society	@ the Crowleys
	12:00p	5:11 Group	@ the Grovensteins
Sat	9:00 a	Church Work Day	

A Service of Praise and Worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day
April 12, 2026

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Response of Praise: To God be the Glory

Trinity Hymnal #55

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #164

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 35-36

What do you confess when you say: *Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?*

The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

The 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.

Covenant Baptism of Bonnie Marie Douglas

Corporate Confession of Sin:

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and fervent heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: Isaiah 61:1-3

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.*

Tithes and Offerings: Acts 20:35

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Offertory: There is a Fountain Filled with Blood Trinity Hymnal #253

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Doxology

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

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

(p. 152 of Pew Bible)

16 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

17 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, **18** but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

19 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, **10** and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. **11** You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

Hymn of Preparation: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Preaching of God's Word: Ephesians 3:14-21

(Page 977 of the pew Bible)

[14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **[15]** from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, **[16]** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **[17]** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **[18]** may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **[19]** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, **[21]** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Trinity Hymnal #481

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion-
for more than conqu'rors we are! **[Refrain]**

His Word shall not fail you- he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell! **[Refrain]**

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 3:14-21
Praying for Power

The Big idea: Pray passionately for the power to comprehend the love of God, and be encouraged by it.

I. **Pray passionately**

- a. Mind your posture (v. 14).
- b. To the One who has given you His name (v. 15).

II. **Prayerfully Climb “the Ladder”** (vv. 16-19).

- a. Strength (16-17a).
- b. Love (17b).
- c. Knowledge (18-19a).
- d. Fullness (19b).

III. **Receive the Benediction** (vv. 20-21).