

Announcements

Women's Retreat | Saturday, April 25 from 9am-4pm. **Please register by this Wednesday so we can have an accurate count for food.** 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 right.

If you are available, Thursday morning we will be prepping/decorating for the retreat. We'd love help!!

Prayer Meeting & Supper | At 5:30 this evening. Church-wide prayer meeting for the needs of the church & community. Childcare is provided.

Women's Team Meeting | Women's Leadership Team meets this Tuesday at 1pm.

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

Young Adult Game Night | The next YA game night will be May 8 at 6pm at the Lamsons. Dinner is provided. Please RSVP to Annie, so she can plan dinner.

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

This Week at a Glance:

Tue	1:00p	Women's Team Meeting	Church Conference Room
Wed	5:00p	VBS Skit Practice	Youth Room
Thurs	10a	Women's Retreat Prep	
Sat	9:00 a	Women's Retreat	Fellowship Hall

A Service of Praise and Worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day
April 19, 2026

Call to Worship: Psalm 108:1-6

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

That your beloved ones may be delivered,

give salvation by your right hand and answer me!

Response of Praise: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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]**

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 37-39

What do you confess when you say that he suffered?

During all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. Thus, by his suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice, he has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

Why did he suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?

Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge, and so he freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Does it have a special meaning that Christ was crucified and did not die in a different way?

Yes. Thereby I am assured that he took upon himself the curse which lay on me, for a crucified one was cursed by God.

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.

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 55:6-7

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Tithes and Offerings: Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Offertory: All Things Bright and Beautiful
Trinity Hymnal #120

***Refrain:* All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. **[Refrain]**

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. **[Refrain]**

The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows where we play,
the flowers by the water
we gather ev'ry day. **[Refrain]**

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. **[Refrain]**

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: Psalm 68:1-18

(p. 481 of Pew Bible)

- 1** God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
- 2** As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!
- 3** But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
- 4** Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!
- 5** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
- 6** God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- 7** O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness, Selah
- 8** the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
- 9** Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;
- 10** your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
- 11** The Lord gives the word;
the women who announce the news are a great host:
- 12** "The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!"
The women at home divide the spoil—
- 13** though you men lie among the sheepfolds—
the wings of a dove covered with silver,
its pinions with shimmering gold.

[14] When the Almighty scatters kings there,
let snow fall on Zalmon.

[15] O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan;
O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

[16] Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain,
at the mount that God desired for his abode,
yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

[17] The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

[18] You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation: Trust and Obey
Trinity Hymnal #672

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. **[Refrain]**

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. **[Refrain]**

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. **[Refrain]**

Preaching of God's Word: Ephesians 4:1-16

(Page 977 of the pew Bible)

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [7] But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Closing Hymn: Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

**Refrain: Rejoice, Rejoice
Let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice
O Church of Christ, rejoice**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace **[Refrain]**

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
"Our God is all in all" **[Refrain]**

Benediction

Sermon Notes
Ephesians 4:1-16
Walking in the Church

The Big Idea: We can only walk in the gifts of the Father by making good use of the gifts of the Son.

- I. **Walk this way** (vv. 1-6).
 - a. Worthily (vv. 1-3).
 - b. In unity (vv. 4-6).
- II. **Worship the Conquering Gift Giver** (vv. 7-10).
- III. **Wield the Gifts Rightly** (vv. 11-16).