

Celebration of Worship

April 10, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude “Ach Gott vom Himmel, sieh darein” J. Pachelbel

Announcements

(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

Opening Hymn 343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (Vs. 2)

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call
to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people,
young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God
unfold.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation

Mr. Kevin McAllister

Call to Worship

from Psalm 100

Praise the LORD! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

◆ Hymn 361 “How Firm a Foundation”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we’re quick to make judgments about other people. Either we see the good in them, or we write them off as beyond hope.

Deep down, we tend to assume that your grace is for

those who are trying to do what is right.

But you came to seek out those who were lost.

Forgive us for not following you in doing the same.

Help us to imitate you in loving outcasts, in offering forgiveness, and in extending grace.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ.

In baptism we were also raised to new life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

◆ Gloria #466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vs. 4)

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment

Pastor Dan

(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Service of Confirmation (Please see insert)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Anthem

“We Are the Reason”

David Meece

We were the reason that He gave His life.

We were the reason that He suffered and died.

To a world that was lost He gave all He could give,
to show us the reason to live.

I’ve fin’lly found a reason for living,
it’s in giving ev’ry part of my heart to Him.
In all that I do, ev’ry word that I say,
I’ll be giving my all just for Him, for Him.

And we are the reason that He gave His life.

We are the reason that He suffered and died.

To a world that was lost He gave all He could give,
to show us the reason to live.

He is my reason to live.

◆ Doxology #485 “To God Be the Glory” (Refrain only)

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!

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 70)

Exodus 34:1-9

New Testament Reading (page 854)

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon “Overcome by Grace: Committed To Serve”

◆ Hymn 487 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (Vs.1)

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the
wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its
head sublime.**

Postlude “Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder” J. Pachelbel

◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)

We stand ready to welcome and receive those who would like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please speak to the pastor or one of the church members if you wish to join this congregation on the road to discipleship.

OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,
we are filled with life as a congregation
because God creates us, loves us and calls us
to be his children and to be family to one another.
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,
accept the grace God offers
and join us at the table of the Lord.

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

The family of Paul Rankin (Dave Kvach's colleague) on his death.
 The family of Joe Stephenson, Sr. on his death.
 Debbie Thomas (Pam Smithey's sister)—Bicycle accident
 Nicole Smith (Pam Smithey's daughter)—Hysterectomy
 Sarah Brigham (Pam Smithey's friend's daughter)—Seizures
 Leola Hall—Bypass surgery
 Robin Mayhugh—Health concerns
 Roberta Nye (Soozie Fahland's friend)—Chemo treatments
 Michael Dickerson (Len Gardner's friend)—Health concerns
 Harold Hilgendorf (Craig's dad)—Cancer treatments
 Donna Bell, Garrett Wilson, Casey Dean (Trina James friends)—Readying for deployment to Afghanistan
 Eddie Moore (Travis' dad)—Hosp. with pneumonia
 Gary (Hilgendorf's neighbor)—Cancer of the esophagus
 Haley Legg's cousin, Amy's daughter—Lung cancer

(Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 10
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 11
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, April 12
 12:00 Noon Lenten Service—Here
 7:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting

Wed., April 13
 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday Night Live!**
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 Pre-K & Children's Choirs
 Jr. High Bible Study
 Women's Bible Study
 Men's Bible Study
 Adult Choir Practice
 Sr. High Bible Study
 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Saturday, April 16
 8:00 a.m. Media/Book Sale

Sunday, April 17
 9:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
 10:00 a.m. Morning Fellowship
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Morning Worship

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Becky Hunt
 Ushers: Craig Hunt, Captain; Tyler Hunt
 Ryan Hunt, Kylee Hunt
 Cody Shelton
 Liturgist: Kevin McAllister
 Trustee Lock-Up: Len Gardner
 Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Smith



NEWS AND SUCH

Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting immediately following today's worship service.

Lenten Service—This week's noon Lenten service will be held here at our church this coming Tuesday. Lunch will follow around 12:30 p.m.

Media/Book Sale—Last call for books, books on tape, computer games, CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes, sheet music, etc. This sale will be held next Saturday, April 17th, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please bring in your donated items sometime this week.

Easter Lilies—Easter lilies are still available for purchase. The cost is \$10.00 for each plant and a memorial insert will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Order forms are located in the pew pockets and the newsletter.

Easter Candy—Donations of wrapped candy are still needed to stuff eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. Collection baskets are located in the Narthex. Thanks for your help!

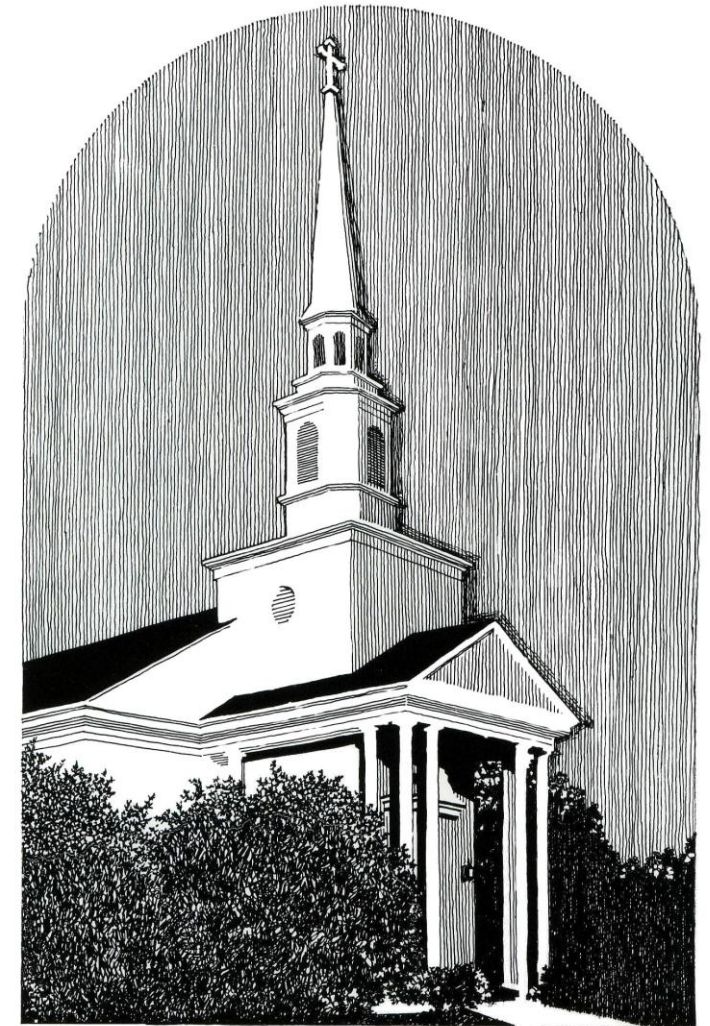


Sermon on the Amount:

Needed for Apr.:	\$16,385.42	Budgeted YTD:	\$52,937.50
Received in Apr.:	5,018.61	Received YTD:	48,883.71
Difference:	(\$11,366.81)	Difference:	(\$4,053.79)

OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Gail Reed—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children's Church Teacher



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Presentation of those coming to profess their faith:

Waylon Austin Harmon
Wesley Andrew Harmon

Questions to the Confirmands:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. With God's help, will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. With God's help, will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers, gifts, study, and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Question to the Congregation:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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