

The church is a community of grace and spiritual guidance.
The primary task of congregations
is to help people enter into and mature in the Christian life.

— Wendy M. Wright in *Companions in Christ*



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS



ORGAN PRELUDE *Today Triumphs God's Son*

J. S. Bach

* INTROIT *sung by everyone* (Tune #21)

Barb Bell *et al*, altered

Light and love abound today, alleluia!
Joyful hope is here to stay, alleluia!
Wisdom dwells in every heart, alleluia!
Outreach now must play a part, alleluia!



* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

David Sparks, altered

Leader: Raised in joy;

People: we come before you, God, and rejoice.

Leader: Raised in hope;

People: we come before you, God, in anticipation.

Leader: Raised in love;

People: we come before you, God, with thankful hearts.

Leader: Raised for the world;

People: we come before you, God, in outreach to all your beloved people.



* OPENING HYMN #222 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*



* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #568) Marnie Deighton, adapted

It's a time to be welcomed, it's a time to be free,
It's a time to join hands in community;
And when we feel released from all shame and fear,
We'll know that the love of God is here.

INVOCATION *seated in unison*

Curist Tuft

Come and speak to us in this Easter season, O God.

Into our dying, speak your word of new life.

Into our fear, speak your word of courage and hope.

Into our doubts, speak your word of trust and of faith restored.

Speak to the very heart of our life with your word of grace,

And grant us your peace, in the name of the risen one. Amen.

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



We Listen for God's Word



PIANO SOLO

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Emily Goulet, piano

Paul Baloch

arr. Philip Keverer

CHILDREN'S TIME

Better to Forgive



SOLO

The Things We've Handed Down

sung by Connor Chown

Marc Coh

HYMN #218

Thine is the Glory



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32

p. 77

RESPONSE *sung by all*

Ye are Witnesses

Al Carmines, *ali*

And you are witnesses, witnesses of these things.

And you are witnesses, witnesses of these things.

Good news and the purpose of life should be shared in his name.

And you are witnesses, witnesses of these things.

HOMILY "New Realities: 'Belong—Behave—Believe'"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (verse 1 of Hymn #382)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

ORGAN INTERLUDE

We Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation, Prayer of Consecration, Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison* *Celebrate God's Presence*

**Life-giving God,
may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN #422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune #231 (last system)
sung together while holding hands Heidi Koschreck

**Bless your people as we journey,
Living every day for You.**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the World Service Committee*

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance of at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Chelsea Shuey read the scripture. Eric & Judy Pearson and Luke & Cindy Bonenfant served as ushers. Gracious Thanks to our special musical artists: Emily Goulet and Connor Chown!

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The First Congregational Church of Pembroke

United Church of Christ

Where Neighbors Meet



All are Welcome!

EASTERTIDE

April 11, 2010

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School 11:30am World Service Committee
Monday, April 12	6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
Tuesday, April 13	6pm Girl Scouts – DN 6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6:30pm Hospitality Plus
Wed., April 14	6pm Cub Scouts – DN 6pm BSA – PH 7-8:30pm Adult Class - MR
Thursday, April 15	6pm Girl Scouts – DN 6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6:30pm Diaconate
Sunday, April 18	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Monday, April 19	6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN 6:30pm Christian Education Comm.
Tuesday, April 20	6pm Girl Scouts – PH 6pm Cub Scouts – YR 7pm Trustees
Wed., April 21	6pm BSA 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
Thursday, April 22	6pm “AA” Group - MR 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
Friday, April 23	6pm Girl Scouts Sleepover (out 9am)
Saturday, April 24	6:30pm Community Movie Night

SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...

April 18	Tom and Allison Hardy, Kurt and Jodi Ehler
25	Floyd and Dot Smith, Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps
May 2	Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill and Marc Herring
9	Peter & Eric Chase, Don Hill and Luke Bonenfant
16	Harold Matava, Lynn Matava and Eric & Judy Pearson
23	Dave & Nancy Bibbins, Randy Shuey and Dean Hopps
30	Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Alyssa LeMay's grandfather in the hospital following heart attack.

Tom Miller (Tim's father) – recovering from heart surgery

Augustus Borghese (Steve's brother) recovering from strokes

Matt and Kelly Pearson, high-risk pregnancy

Sandie Barton – recovering from surgery

Laurie O'Neil (Jessica Hamel's co-worker's niece) - diagnosed with Stage cancer.

The McLean Family – medical concerns with newborn

Duff Chickering – medical concerns

Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues

Letha's mother – treatable cancer

Lynda Putnam's father – recovering from a stroke

Russ Putnam's mother – medical concerns

Carissa Williams – various concerns

Military personnel overseas & their families

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is **today!** Donations of food and non-food items may be left in the Parish Hall. **Thank you for caring!**

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the Flower Sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee member know. Please contact Lynn Matava (**April**) 485-8352, Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**May**) and Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**June**).

THE DEACONS FUND ...

Donations toward this fund are solicited **today**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.