

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 25, 2010  
10:30 a.m.*

*Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.*

**PREPARATION:** *The following are the scriptures for this morning: Psalm 23 (Pew Bible pages 435-436); Acts 9:36-43 (page 894) Peter raises Tabitha from the dead. Revelation 7:9-17 (page 999) A diverse multitude of the faithful appears before the Lamb, their shepherd. John 10:22-30 (page 873) Jesus, the good shepherd.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *Lord Jesus, give us eyes to see you, ears to hear you, faith to follow you, courage to obey you, energy to stick with you, and gratitude that you have stuck with us. Amen.*

### THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL  
WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** “Though I May Speak” Wagner (Handbell Choir)

**\*INTROIT (Hymn #516) “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” O Quanta Qualia**

**ALL:** Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,  
chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;  
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,  
Ours a commitment we know never ends.  
When, at Your table, each time of returning,  
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:  
May we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept You as Lord.

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

**LEADER:** We are people of the Resurrection, gathered here to celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us.

**PEOPLE:** We are embodied people, even as was Christ Jesus, and we will be raised with him in a resurrection body on our last earthly day.

**LEADER:** As we worship God our creator, let us open ourselves to Christ’s caring for us as whole persons, spirit, soul and body, and let us give thanks for Christ’s caring for the church, Christ’s own body on earth.

**ALL:** Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN #371**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**Crucifer**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**LEADER:** Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have pity on you.

**PEOPLE:** Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

**LEADER:** In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

**ALL:** You have shown us love, O God. In Jesus, you have shown us love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Loving others is hard. Loving ourselves is often harder. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love in a manner that allows us to share love with others. Help us to receive your love in a manner that allows us to love ourselves. Amen.

**RESPONSE (Hymn #347)**

**“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”**

**Detroit**

**ALL:** “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us Lord to pray.  
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LEADER:** Jesus the risen Christ speaks to our souls, assuring us that God has forgiven our sins and the sins of all humanity.

**PEOPLE:** God wills, not punishment, but resurrection for us, and our highest good in spirit and body, emotions, minds and relationships.

**LEADER:** Praise be to God!

**ALL:** The Lord’s name be praised!

**\*GLORIA PARTI (Hymnal #579) “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.”**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Eric Houghton**

**(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)**

### THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
PSALTER READING**

**Psalm 23**

*The Word of the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

**“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

**Behnke**

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 10:22-30**

*The Gospel of the Lord!*  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**“A Familiar Voice”**

**Rev. Victoria ByRoade**

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Confession of 1967 (9.08)**

**We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestine Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**  
**(Handbell Choir)**

**Wood/Wagner**

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “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. Amen.”**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN #387**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Bradbury**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE (Hymn # 147)**

**“Blessing and Honor”**

**O Quanta Qualia**

**ALL: Ever ascending the song and the prayer;  
Ever descending the love that we share;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise –  
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**\*CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“From Death to Life Eternal”**  
**(Handbell Choir)**

**Ingram**

*\*The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

*We thank the members of the Handbell Choir for providing today’s service music. Eric Houghton, John Brockman, Jennette Marsden, Kristin Juergens, Rebecca Houghton, Les Marsden, Betty Dethmers, Carolyn Willey, Nanette Friend, Joyce Marsden, Jodie Cannon*

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 2, 2010 will be the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The scripture readings will be: Psalm 148 (Pew Bible page 508); Acts 11:1-18 (page 895) Peter’s vision; what God has made clean you must not call profane. Revelation 21:1-6 (pages 1007-1008) Vision of the new heaven and the new earth. John 13:31-35 (pages 876-877) Jesus gives a new commandment; love one another as he loved you.**

**PRAYER FOR PEACE – THAILAND** - Thailand is twice the size of Wyoming with a population of 66 million people. Thai, English and many regional dialects are spoken. People earn about \$9,000 a year, and literacy is high, about 93 percent. Religions in Thailand are Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity. The political unrest in Thailand that we see in the newspapers is resisting the corrupt government and attempting to regain their democracy. The military has not given up, although demonstrators captured the airport in Bangkok just last week. The people continue to march in the streets, demanding resignation of the Prime Minister but facing great threat to their own safety. *God, we pray for Thailand, where civil unrest continues to hold sway. May your justice be done so that peace can come to the region. Give strength to all the people and to our Christian brothers and sisters there, and may your Spirit encourage them as they seek to be witnesses of your gospel and your kingdom to those around them. Amen.*

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME** and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY** – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

*The rose on the organ today is in celebration of the April 15<sup>th</sup> birth of Emma Anne Davis, great-granddaughter of Doug and Marian Davis.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

**USHERS:** Don Shaffer, Paul Burks, Iris Poppler, Jamie Poppler

**LITURGIST:** Rebekah Quizhpe

**ACOLYTE:** Jonathan Gibbs

**TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES**

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

11:30 a.m. – Called Session Meeting

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (26 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
Wednesday (28 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Doyle)
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (29 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALLED SESSION MEETING** immediately following the traditional service to receive new members.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY** – We welcome the children and parents of First Friends Preschool to today’s worship service.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER** This week the meal will be roast pork w/gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, applesauce, rolls and peach cobbler. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register

**PRAYER CHAIN COFFEE** Marian Davis will host a coffee for the Prayer Chain on Tuesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. (559 Chicago Avenue, Dunedin). Anyone interested in joining this group please call Marian at 733-2765.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OFFICIAL FIRST MEETING!** Mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup> and join us for the first meeting of the new Communications Committee. This is an exciting opportunity to promote the great things that are happening at First Church. Do you have a talent towards writing, photography, or graphic design? Can you hang posters, distribute materials to various locations, etc? Interested persons are invited to join Committee Chair Ann E. Sabo in the Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. Contact Ann at [aesabo@aol.com](mailto:aesabo@aol.com) for more information.

**2012 CALENDAR CONTEST** Calling all First Church photographers! One winning photograph will be submitted for consideration to *Country Churches 2012 Calendar* (an affiliate of *Reader’s Digest*). This photo contest is sponsored by the First Church Membership Committee. All photo entries will be posted in Hager Hall May 1<sup>st</sup> – June. One vote per member! For details, or to submit your photo, contact Mandy Boldman (967-4479) or at [mauhdee@hotmail.com](mailto:mauhdee@hotmail.com).

**OPEN HOUSE AT CEDARKIRK!** On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Cedarkirk opens its doors to parents, guardians, and children. This is a great opportunity to learn about our summer programs, see first-hand the facilities and activities available, and get a feel for what your child will experience. This is also an excellent chance to introduce a first time camper to how much fun summer camp can be. Join us for a tour, hayride, s’mores, climbing on the rock wall, and other activities as we give you a taste of what summer camp will be like. Find more information online at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) or give us a call at 813-685-4224, ext. 1.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** We will begin a new procedure May 1 that allows people to pay in advance for the Sanctuary and/or Hager Hall flowers. If you wish to have a loved one remembered through placement of flowers anytime during the next year, please fill out a “Sanctuary Flowers Request Form” providing the preferred Sunday date(s) and the language that you wish to have printed in the bulletin. Put the form with your payment (\$25.00 for each arrangement) into an envelope and put it into the offering plate or mail it to the church. Payment can be made by “online bill-payer” from your bank, in cash, or by personal check, with “flowers” on the memo line. The new Flower Form will be available in Hager Hall and the church office.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON** All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, May 15, at noon in Hager Hall. The cost for the luncheon is \$7.00. Reservations may be made through your circle leader or by calling Peggy George at 447-9880. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 12.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** - We had a wonderful night for the Relay last Friday and everyone who joined us there knows what a fun and inspiring evening we experienced. Linda and I want to thank all of you who were so supportive in our efforts to fight Cancer, whether it was through your fund raising, your generous personal donations, or your dime bottles (which brought in \$900 this year!). Overall I think we will come close to raising \$4000 this year. Money is still coming in and we will continue to send donations to the American Cancer Society for our team. The art work donated by Nancy Christy was won by our own Pat Howe. The gift basket was not won by a church member. But Quinn, the gentleman who did win it, was thrilled to pieces. Thanks to those who pounded the pavement to get donations for our basket.. With our team effort, the Steeple Stompers have triumphed again! Debbie Blocher & Linda Frazer

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Nancy Klopp recuperating at home following surgery*
- *Jane Hart, friend of Rosalie Bergman, undergoing chemotherapy*
- John Keller at Mease Dunedin
- Sue Brice at Mease Dunedin
- Arthur Goodale and Joe Tilney at Mease Continuing Care
- Beth Hoffer, daughter of Joe and Donna Hoffer, undergoing tests
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- For improved health: Barbara Sabo, Lillian McKibben, Paul Hoffer, Scott Miller, John Keller, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Marge Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Bob Harvie, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Missio Dei Community (formerly the Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg), a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finance

**First Church Financial Status on: April 21, 2010**

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 149,663	\$ 137,996	\$ 11,667
Pre-School	\$ 74,974	\$ 61,440	\$ 13,534
Totals:	\$ 224,637	\$ 199,436	\$ 25,201

*The Giving Trend is seasonal but expenses are not.*

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**THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN**  
**MODERATOR: Rev. Victoria ByRoade**  
**CLERK OF SESSION: John Brockman**

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Clare McGrane

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**The MISSION of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin is to worship God joyfully, love all people genuinely, help those in need selflessly and share the gospel of salvation freely.**

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