

First Presbyterian Church

May 16, 2010
Ascension Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY

10:50 a.m.

“We must, therefore, conceive of his ascension and Lordship as something active, energetic and continuous, and must not imagine that he sits above while we hold the reins of government down here. No, he ascended because there he can best do his work and exercise dominion. Had he remained upon earth in visible form, before the people, he could not have done so much and so well, for all the people could not have been with him and heard him. Therefore, he inaugurated an expedient which made it possible for him to be in touch with all and reign in all, to preach to all and be heard by all, and to be with all. Therefore, beware lest you imagine that he has gone, and now is far away from us. The very opposite is true: While he was on earth, he was far away from us; now he is very near.”

~ Martin Luther, 1523

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

PLEASE ADJUST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE SERVICE.

Welcome and Announcements

Adopt-a-Missionary Report

Michael & Angie Holman

Prelude

Recognition of High School Graduates

Phillip Hudgins
Daniel Power
Patrick Stewart

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 3:16

Minister: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

Congregation: **He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

*Hymn 289

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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*Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

The Ascension of Christ

From the *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q.53-54

Question 53: **How was Christ exalted in his ascension?**

Answer: Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations; forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

Question 54: **How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?**

Answer: Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.

Psalter

Psalms 110

Tune: ALL SAINTS NEW, #578, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

“Jehovah to my Lord has said, "Sit thou at my right hand
Until I make thy foes a stool whereon thy feet may stand.”

“Jehovah shall from Zion send the scepter of thy power.
In battle with thine enemies be thou the conqueror.

“A willing people in thy day of power shall come to thee.
Thy youth arrayed in holiness like morning dew shall be.

“Jehovah swore, and from his oath he never will depart:
"Of th' order of Melchizedek a priest thou ever art.”

“The Lord at thy right hand shall smite earth's rulers in his wrath.

“Among the nations he shall judge; the slain shall fill his path.

In many lands he'll overthrow their kings with ruin dread;

“And, marching, he'll drink from the brook and so lift up his head.

Hymn 298 *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns* ST. MAGNUS

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Stuart Townend

CHOIR

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGN THE BLACK REGISTRATION PAD LOCATED
AT THE END OF THE PEW AND PASS IT TO OTHERS ON YOUR PEW.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Titus 2:1-10
(p. 998 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

“Healthy Christian Living: Faith on the Job”

*Hymn 565

All for Jesus!

WYCLIFF

*Benediction

*Response

from *Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now*

Tune: DUKE STREET

*Thy flock, from sin and death set free, glad alleluias raise to thee;
And ever with the heav'nly host praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**Morning Service broadcast live on WKOZ 1340 AM
and live online at www.breezynews.com.**

Notes about the service

Ascension is one of the five great evangelical feasts of the church year observed by Reformed Churches (the other feasts being Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas). Scripture teaches that on the fortieth day after his resurrection our Lord ascended into heaven where he is now seated at the right hand of the Father, occupying the position of ruler on the Father's behalf (Mt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:20-22; 1 Pet. 3:22). As ascended Lord, he is accessible to all who call on his name and powerful to help them anywhere in the world (Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25; 13:6-8). Christ continues ministering to his people by pouring out the Holy Spirit on them, (Jn. 16:7-14; Acts 2:33) and lavishing on them the blessings and benefits that his suffering won for us.

“Thank God you've come!”

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship services today. We hope we have been able to share Christ with you today. Please fill out the black registration pad located at the end of your pew, so we will have a record of your visit. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Kid's Corner

Catechism Club – begins Thursday, June 3

from 3:30 – 5:00 pm

We will meet on Thursdays; location to be announced.

FPC VBS June 7-11th

*Come learn about The Way, The Truth, The Life, The Sacrifice,
& The Promise

*Ages 4 years - 6th grade

*Time: 8:30-12:00 pm

*Closing program

Friday at 11:00 pm

Catechism Reward “Fun Day” – Monday, July 5

Last Catechism Club – Wednesday, July 28

Catechism Club Trip – Saturday, July 31

Back to School Party – Wednesday, August 4

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymn 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (p.624-625 in pew Bible)
I Create New Heavens and a New Earth

Hymn Selections

Elder Prayer

Hugh Potts, Jr.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:28-29; 1 Timothy 2:11-15
(p. 974 and 991 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

“New Covenant Equality and Submission”

Legacy: Women of the Bible

*Hymn 649

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*Benediction

Church Ministries

Budget Information	Revenue	Expense	Totals
April 2010	\$ 35,424.28	\$ 31,925.94	\$ 3,498.34
Year-to-Date	\$145,978.78	\$145,303.80	\$ 674.98

Sunday Youth Fellowship: The Burge House

Next Sunday: Home of the Boswell's

Nursery Schedule: Notify Marsha @ 289-2435 of any changes.

Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
May 16	Camille Carroll & Sharon Carter	Sylvia Blaylock & Melita Bordelon	The Briscoe family
May 23	Danny & Lynda Temple	Maureen Boswell & Mary Denny	Mary Bess Bryant & Sally Wasson

Graduation Luncheon: Today at 12:00 pm. Seniors, their families, and all youth are invited to attend.

Fellowship Supper: There will be no fellowship supper for the summer months. It will resume in August 11.

Special Summer Events

There will be no Wednesday Night Connection during the summer months. Make plans to attend our special events.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Sponsored by the Peru Mission Team
Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm, \$10.00 per plate
Pork tenderloin, green salad, rice consume, sweet & sour green beans and dessert of your choice.
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

COVERED DISH & PRAYER WALK

Wednesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm

COOKOUT AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Wednesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm

Free study guides for Phillip's sermon series on Titus are available each week at our church website www.fpckosciusko.org. You can use these guides in preparation to hear the sermon on the following Sunday morning. The guides include questions, quotes and daily recommendations for family worship times.



There will be a **College Sunday School class** this summer. Phillip will be leading with studies from "Death by Love" by Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears.

Dr. Kwasny's Covenant Values sessions covering Christian Education and Parenting are online at www.fpckosciusko.org for your listening pleasure. You can also get the sessions on CD for \$1.00 each.

The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank all of those who prepared food and decorated for the Covenant Values weekend.

Committee and Board Meetings

Mission Committee: Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 pm.

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:50 am	Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Graduation Luncheon
	2:00 pm	Melanie Newman's Piano Recital
	4:45 pm	Choir Practice
	5:00 pm	Mission Committee
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
TUESDAY	9:00 am	PDS Volunteer Appreciation Coffee & Art Show
		PDS Awards Ceremony & End of Year Program
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Women's Italian Dinner
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Diaper Drive for Jodi Hill May

Please bring diapers (gift card or any other baby necessities) to the church office. Wrapping is not necessary.
Grant Anderson arrived April 22.

50 Days of Prayer: The Gospel of the Kingdom

We have **8 books** remaining. You may purchase them in the office for \$7.00.

MAY DUTIES:

Elders: Ken Fowler, Eddie Thomas & Don Smith
Deacons: Richard Briscoe & Kerry Hudgins
Preaching at Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church: Thomas Pound
Preaching at Alexander next Sunday: 4th Sunday

First Presbyterian Church Kosciusko Staff

Rev. Phillip J. Palmertree, Senior Minister
Rev. Grant Carroll, Asst. Minister

Misty Lacey, Children's Min. Coord.	Pat Fiedler, Music Director
Melanie Newman, Pianist	Ann Irby, Organist
Marsha Adams, Office Admin.	Richard Moore, Custodian
Annette Kern, Kitchen Manager	Catherine Stewart, Housekeeper

FPC Preschool

Deborah Templeton, Administrator

Presbyterian Day School

Sonja Adams, Business Administrator
Kathy Cox, Lead Teacher

Sunday School

John Clark Love, Superintendent

Session

Ken Fowler	James Boyd	Don Smith
Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts, Jr.	Danny Temple
	Eddie Thomas, Clerk	

Elders Emeriti:

Adrian D. McBeath	Will Hammond
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Diaconate

Richard Briscoe	Kerry Hudgins	William McKinley
Owen Oliver	Keith Paton	Scott Pickle
Sam Potts	Art Templeton	

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Sunday Worship Service
May 16, 2010

Vision Statement:
A Gospel-driven church pursuing God, his ways, and people.

**WORSHIP
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