

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Announcements

### Travelers Needed for the Kingdom of God

We are looking to deliver our stockpile of wheelchairs accumulated on the top floor of our education wing. We need people who can deliver one or more chairs to a Wheels for The World center in the Denver area. We would like to accomplish this by the end of June. If you might be able to help, please contact Brad Christensen at 265-6044 for more details.

**The Heroes Walk for Life** is Saturday, June 4 at the North Casper Athletic Complex across from the Boys and Girls Club at 9:30am. Wear your super hero costume! Free pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00am. We'll have face-painting and other fun activities for the kids. The two-mile walk is a non-athletic event and folks of all ages can participate. Not available on June 4? No problem—walk at your convenience! Don't like to collect money? No problem—True Care will collect your pledges! Pick up a walk brochure in the parlor and start getting sponsors! More info at [www.TrueCareGiving.net](http://www.TrueCareGiving.net) or call Lilly at 472-2810.

**Do not miss** the Adult Sunday School class mini-series that will be starting soon! The class will discuss upcoming worship service changes which will be going into effect on May 29th. It will be led by Pastor Mark and will meet in the parlor on May 8th, 22nd, and 29th. We hope to see the entire congregation there!

### Newsletter Available

The May edition of *The Messenger* is available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy today!

## Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Steve Vreeman
- ✠ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✠ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for Rev. Shane Sunn and the congregation of St. Patrick's Presbyterian Church in Denver, CO; Kamwangu Nendini and Pastor Mackylas; and Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa
- ✠ For Christians at risk in Jordan

## Information

- ✠ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...  
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.  
If you have a prayer concern.
- ✠ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2016 (above and beyond your pledge)

## Upcoming Events for the week of May 1-8

### **TODAY**

9:15 Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

2:00 P.M. Parish Life

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

7 P.M. Choir

### **Next Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

### **Next Sunday:**

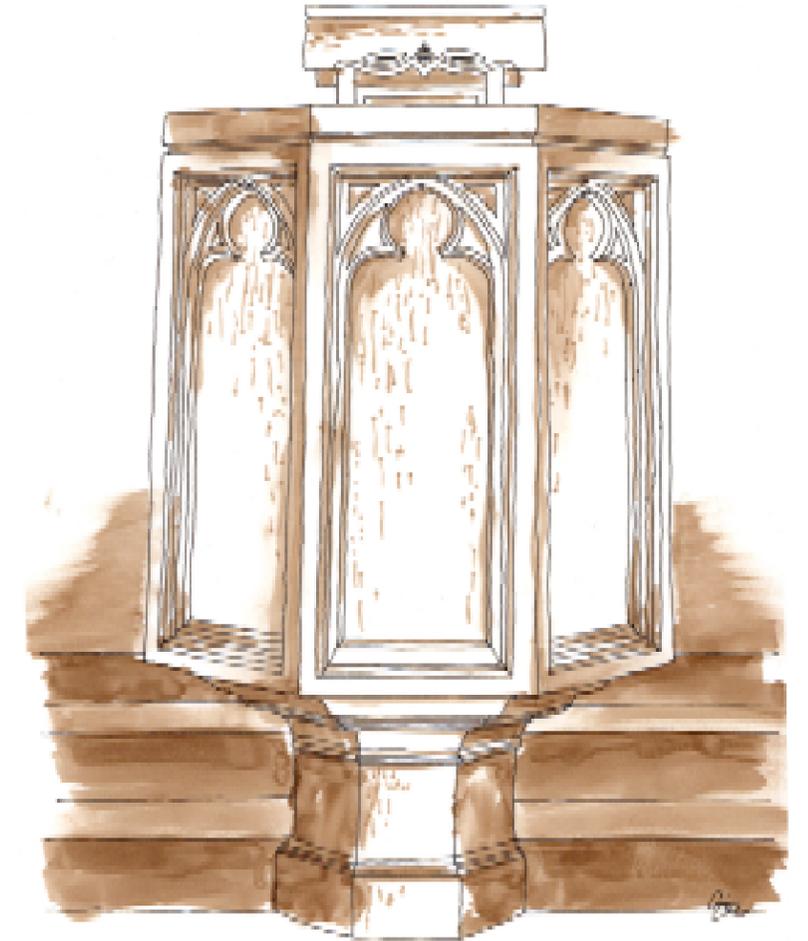
**OT Text:** Lamentations 3:25-30

**NT Text:** Luke 6:27-42

**Sermon:** "A Tough Call"

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# Order for the Worship of God

## May 1, 2016

### Communion

**Prelude**      *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*      Gesangbuch

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

**\*Opening Hymn**    *The Church's One Foundation*      #347

**\*Call to Worship**      (from Isaiah 40:28-31)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**People: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

**People: but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Lord, we honor you with our lips, but our hearts are far from you. We say Jesus is Lord, and yet we fail to repent of those things which are not pleasing to you. We find it easier to question what you say than to obey you before we fully understand everything. Forgive us of our sins, in the name of Jesus Christ. Lead us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to hate the things that do not please you and to love the things you desire for us.**

~ Silent confession ~ **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri**      #735

**Anthem**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Text**

Isaiah 65:12-14  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 624, [Red] p. 793

**New Testament Text**

Luke 6:20-26  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 862, [Red] p. 1096

**Sermon**    *Blessing and Woes*      Pastor Mark Tippin

**\*Communion Hymn**    *Behold the Lamb (vv. 1-3)* (see insert)

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Nicene Creed (in hymnal p. 846)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Creation

For the Incarnation

For the Passion

For the Resurrection

For the Gift of the Spirit

The Words of Institution

The Giving of the Bread and Wine

**The Prayer of Praise** (in unison)

**Heavenly Father, we give you immortal thanks and praise that upon us you have conferred so great a benefit as to bring us into the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; whom, having been delivered up to death for us, you have given for our food and nourishment unto eternal life.**

**Now grant us grace that we may never be unmindful of these things, but rather shall carry them engraven upon our hearts, that we may advance and grow in that faith which is effectual unto every good work. Thus may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to your glory and to the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in unity, one God, world without end. Amen**

**\*Communion Hymn**    *Behold the Lamb (v. 4)*      (see insert)

**Prayers of the People**

Thanksgiving

Intercession

For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer (inside hymnal cover)

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**    *Crown Him With Many Crowns*      Elvey

**\*Doxology**      #731

**\*Hymn**      *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*      #30

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      *Rejoice, The Lord Is King*      Darwall

### Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Liturgist	Janis Hall
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Head Usher	Leith Culver
Greeter	Mike Fankhauser
Communion Servers	Mike Fankhauser, Henry Groenenberg, Tim Schenk, Debbie Hutchins

### Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

**To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.**

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