

*Jesus said to them,
'Come and have breakfast.'*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Connie Prall

O God, inexhaustible source of all good things, grant that we may hear your word with a real desire to receive what it promises and practice what it commands. Engrave it not only on our minds but in our hearts, and transform us by your Spirit. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 30

O.T. p. 505

ANTHEM

“In the Breaking of the Bread”

Ward

In the walking on the road, we saw him.

In the telling of our hopes, we saw him.

In the burning of our hearts, we saw the Lord.

At the meal he took the bread and then he blessed it, broke it, offered it.

In the breaking of the bread, we saw him!

Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

We set out to find his friends to tell them.

We went to Jerusalem to tell them; And with joy we told them, "We have seen the Lord!"

And as we were speaking, there he stood among us, blessed us, said to us,

"Now my peace I leave with you." We saw him!

Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

But then we became afraid without him.

In the darkened room we stayed without him, waiting for the one he said that he would send.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came down upon us, filling us, changing us,

Giving us the strength to say: We saw him!

Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

We ran out into the street to tell them,

Everyone that we could meet, to tell them,

"God has raised him up and we have seen the Lord!"

We took bread as he had done and then we blessed it, broke it, offered it.

In the breaking of the bread, we saw him!

Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21: 1-19

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SERMON

The Most Important Meal

Tom Watson

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

“Aria”

Nelson

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER



COMMUNION HYMN
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

“Day of Arising”

Hymnal # 252

*(Demonstrating our individual commitment to Christ, please eat the bread when you receive it.
Demonstrating our unity in Christ, please hold the cup until all have been served,
when we commune together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your broken world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Christ, Be Our Light”
(vs. 1-4)

Hymnal # 314

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

“Christ, Be Our Light”
(v. 5)

Hymnal # 314

***POSTLUDE**

“Joyful Joyful”

arr. Limbaugh



SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Becca, Manuel, Annie & Grace Spreigl

Ushers: Tom Brazill, Lois & Jim Marschinke, John Penn

Lector: Connie Prall

Communion Servers: Pam Davenport,
Mikayla Eldredge, Kathryn Finkle, Jody Glowaski,
Phyllis Hahn, Lynda Horan, Heather Marschinke,
Connie Prall

Coffee Servers: Jody Glowaski, Connie Prall

The donuts this morning are sponsored by the family
of Don Robinson, in honor of his 90th birthday.

The flowers on the chancel this morning are provided
by Marjorie Watson, in memory of C. Roy Watson,
Ruth DeWitt Knight and William Hughes Knight.

Music Director: Linda Kachelmeier

Organist: Jen Bierlein

Pastors: Katie Estes, Tom Watson

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul. We are delighted that you have joined us to worship the Living God. **If you are a first time worship guest**, we extend a special welcome to you. Know that as our guest, you are invited to participate in any of the programs offered and we do not expect you to contribute when the offering is received. Today, your presence with us is your offering to God.

Photos and/or video may be taken during this worship service. FPC-SSP reserves the right to use said photos or video in church publications, including, but not limited to, bulletins, newsletters, the church website, and social media sites. If you prefer not to appear in these photos or video, please talk to one of the ushers.

If you have a prayer request, please use the yellow request cards in the pews. Give the card to an usher before worship or during the first hymn so it can be included in our prayers of the people today and passed on to the prayer chain as well.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have professional childcare available for infants and children up to 5 years. The nursery is located at the top of the stairs in the upper level of the Education wing and is always available on those days your child may be restless. If you have an infant who begins to cry during the service, feel free to go into the library with your child and continue to hear the service on the speaker.

Please join us after the worship service for a time of fellowship in the Commons. Coffee, juice and treats are available for a minimal charge for members and at no cost for guests. Come and connect with old and new friends as we enjoy fellowship together.

On The Calendar

Today, April 10 *Communion*

- 8:30 a.m. Education for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat Return
- 11:30 a.m. Jubilation Ringers

Monday, April 11

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Bells of Praise
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Festival Choir

Thursday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study
- 6:30 p.m. Finance
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel
- 7:00 p.m. Mission

Friday, April 15

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, April 16

- 8:30 a.m. Book Group
- 9:30 a.m. Library Committee

Sunday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. Education for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Jubilation Ringers
- 11:30 a.m. Kids Club Lunch & Craft
- 1:00 p.m. Community Garden Kickoff Meeting
- 1:15 p.m. Timber Hills

Next Sunday, April 17

Scripture: John 10: 22-30

Theme: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Music: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Adult Education: "From Despair to Detachment: One Family's Journey Through Their Son's Addiction and Recovery" with author, Martha Wegner



Announcements

Thank you for giving to Neighbors!

Everyone "packed the p's" generously for the March Food Drive. In total, 1,582 pounds of food was delivered to the food shelf! A check for \$2,812.52 was also sent to Neighbors, which consisted of our annual pledge, profits from the Community Garden Farmer's Market, money collected from the youth's SouperBowl of Caring, and additional cash donations given for the food shelf. An additional check for \$500 from soup mixes sold through our Presbyterian Women account was also sent. All of this will help ensure that those in our community will have food on their tables. Thank you to everyone who made this drive successful.

Next Sunday is SCRIP ordering day. Make out your store list and bring it with you next week to order your Scrip cards. Gertens Plant Cards will also be on-hand to purchase next week, for your Spring-planting needs.

Plan now to help with Spring clean-up, Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. - Noon. Come with your cleaning supplies, rakes, spades, and/or work gloves. Coffee, juice and rolls from 8:00 to 8:30. We will start work at 8:30 and be done by noon. We will have both inside and outside jobs. You can stay for the whole morning or whatever time you can spare. Your time will be well appreciated by the Property Committee and the congregation. Many hands will make the work go quickly and be much more fun!

Kids Club: Lunch, Craft and Sing at Timber Hills!

Next Sunday, April 17, the kids club will gather after worship for lunch and to make a craft for residents of Timber Hills in Inver Grove Heights. We will then head to Timber Hills and sing a song during their 1:15 pm worship service. We hope that all can make it!

It may still be chilly outside, but camp is right around the corner!

Clearwater Forest offers camp experiences for those entering third grade, through recent graduates, and more! With a wide variety of programs there is sure to be something for everyone this summer! For more information, see the kiosk in the commons and go to their website to register. Remember, we will pay \$100 for each camper from our church—contact the church office if you don't already have the registration code.

It's almost time for gardening!

The Community Garden will have a kick-off meeting on Sunday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m. for those renting plots this year. If you will have a plot this season, please attend this meeting for more information and to receive your plot assignment. We are also in need of volunteers for the portion of the garden that benefits Neighbors, Inc. Please consider volunteering an hour or two a week in the garden, or with the farmer's market on Sunday. If you can help, contact Heather Marschinke, Julie Close, or Paul Brosi.