

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Charge and Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!

Announcements

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gary and Jeanette Cline in honor of their 55th Anniversary.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: Mt. Comfort Presbyterian, Fayetteville; First Presbyterian, Dardanelle.

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Welcome Visitors! The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshiping with us!

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located in the Fellowship Hall next to the refreshment table. **Save Your Dimes!** All dimes in the offering go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles.

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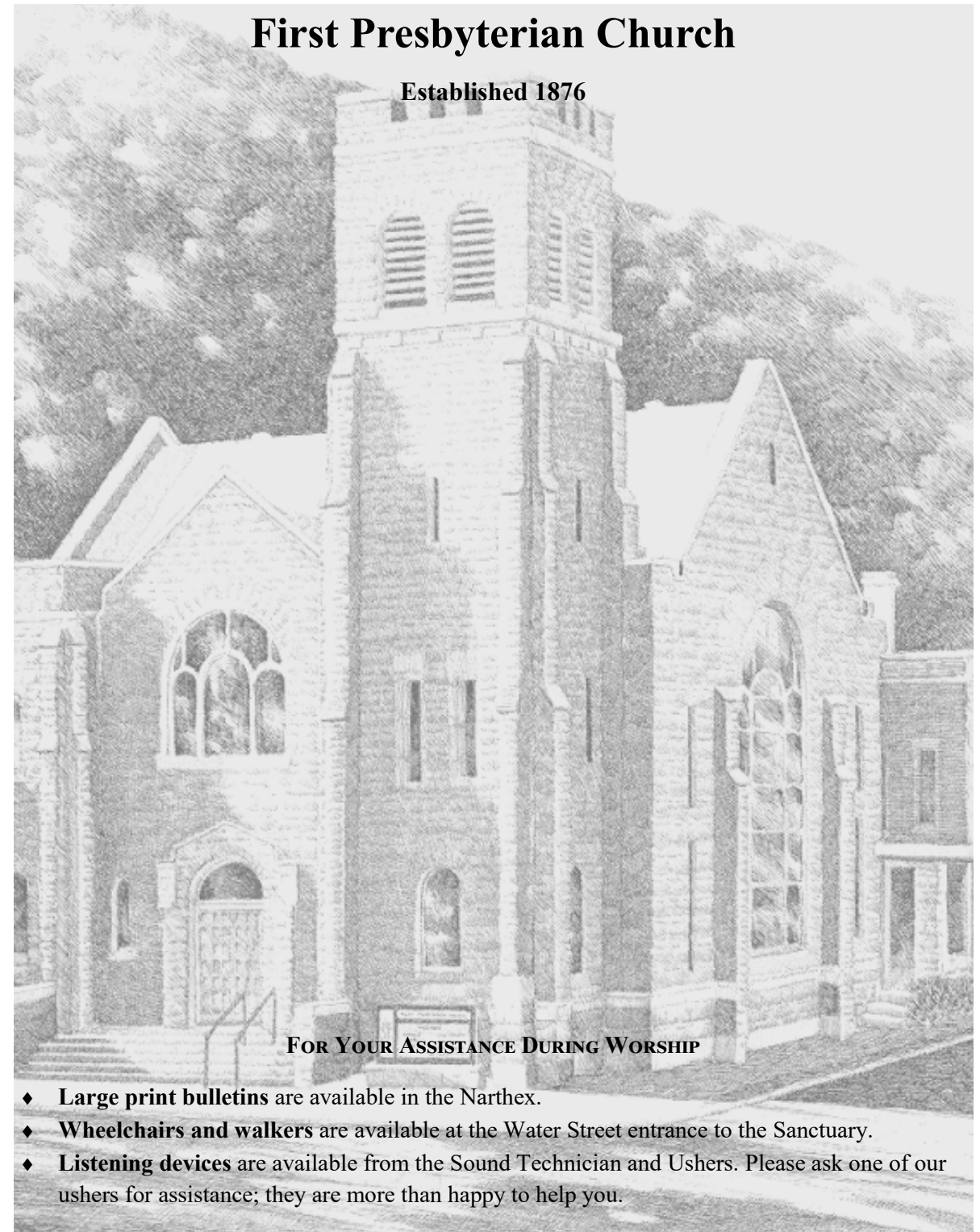
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FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING WORSHIP

- ◆ **Large print bulletins** are available in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Wheelchairs and walkers** are available at the Water Street entrance to the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Listening devices** are available from the Sound Technician and Ushers. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance; they are more than happy to help you.

Order of Worship
April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Paul Mills

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* M. Bridges/G. Thring

Call to Worship Reflects John 20: 19-29

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus comes through our locked doors and stands among us saying, "Peace be with you."

People: Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God!

Leader: Jesus breathes on our lives saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

People: Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God!

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

People: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 121 *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God of all hope and joy, we confess in this Easter season that we continue to live in fear. We live behind the locked doors of our sinfulness, but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you when you stand before us in all circumstances. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you and with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie) (Unison) Hymn No. 574

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) Hymn No. 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.

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 119 *"The Strife Is O'er"* VICTORY

Prayer for Illumination

First Gospel Reading John 20: 19-25 pg. 115, NT

Anthem *"Coronation"* Craig Courtney

"Crown Him the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. Crown Him, the one who died and rose again to live forevermore. Crown Him the Bread of Life, High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star. He holds the keys of death, He holds the keys of hell. He is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown Him, behold your King. Crown Him the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. Crown Him the One who died, who rose again, to live forevermore. See Him coming with the clouds. Every eye shall see Him whom they have pierced. See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega. He is the Living One. He who is and was and who is to come. He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood. He is the mighty Son of God. Crown Him, behold your King. Behold Him! Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Crown Him!"

Second Gospel Reading John 20: 26-31 pg. 115, NT

Sermon "Through Locked Doors, Christ Enters"... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 118 *"The Day of Resurrection!"* LANCASHIRE

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6, Mark 16: 9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22: 13, John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional) Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication