



# First Presbyterian Church

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering

*Madeline McLaughlin*

VOLUNTARY:

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

*Robert J. Powell*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Dave Pelren, Liturgist*

ONE: We may not know the time or the place,

**ALL: but we know that God is restoring the world.**

ONE: We may not see the risen Christ before us,

**ALL: but we know his spirit rests on us.**

ONE: We may not know what God is doing next,

**ALL: but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!**

\*OPENING HYMN: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness, saying...

**ALL: Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. Amen.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Listen to this prayer: "Protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf. This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is-the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

**ALL: Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Rev. Katy Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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ONE: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

*Hal H. Hopson*

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The Lord of life is ris'n today!  
Sing songs of praise along the way;  
Let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:1-11

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SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN Soon and Very Soon

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967, 9.22*

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.**

\*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

Adagio

*John Stanley*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

#606

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#12

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Joy Eternal

*Garrett Parker*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am. Room 12 and via Zoom.
- **Higher Grounds Café** – Closed today.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study.** 10am-10:45am, in the Library.
- **Nursery** - 10:45am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Sunday Night Youth at Play** – 5-7pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

## WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** – 5:15pm dinner, 6pm study begin.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## BIRTHDAYS:

HOLLAND, Kadence	05/06	VANATTA, Jacquelyn	05/14
NEIL, Mary Ann	05/09	SMITH, Dina	05/18
THURMOND, Emily	05/11	HARRISON, Nathaniel	05/24
SCOTT III, James	05/12	CARDINAL, Beverly	05/27
RUDICH DURYEE, Sylvia	05/14		

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Katie Ory.....Dir. TTU Presbyterian Student Association, Dir. Children & Youth Ministry  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
Virginia Kirby.....SoulSong Coordinator  
Amy Ainsley.....Administrative Assistant

## ELDERS:

2023: Jon Dugle, John Nisbet, David Pelren  
2024: Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm  
2025: Dina Smith, Rick Woods

## DEACONS:

2023: Myrna Estes, Ron Ledbetter, Amy Woods  
2024: Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom  
2025: Ginny Butler, Chris McCormick, Erica Scott

**CLERK OF SESSION:** Linda Wilson

**AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS:** Cade Arnold, True McLaughlin, Sarah Pelren

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