



# First Presbyterian Church



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Albumleaf

*Robert Schumann*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ann Maier, Liturgist*

ONE: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard! God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**ALL: We went through fire and through water, yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.**

ONE: Come and hear what God has done for us, all who fear God.

**ALL: Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers! Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.**

\*OPENING HYMN:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**#32**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE God does not reject our prayers. God does not withdraw love from us. Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves, God's love is steadfast. Let us lift our prayers to God, saying...

**ALL: Holy One, We love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.

**ALL: This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

\*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. Katie Long*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 17:22-31 **P.129**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22 **P.220**

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.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:15-21 **P.103**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West #318

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.**

\*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.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

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

**#306**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Stan Petbel*

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 HYMN:

Spirit of the Living God

**#288**

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

**ALL: Amen!**

POSTLUDE:

Fugue in G Minor

*Johann Pachelbel*

# REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children’s Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré  
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins  
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

**CLERK:** Chris McCormick

## DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent  
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,  
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley  
Wiley  
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

## BIRTHDAYS:

Appleton, Kelly 05/06  
Holland, Kadence 05/06  
Woods, Sarah 05/07  
McCormick, Rachel 05/08  
Neil, Mary Ann 05/09  
Trent, Nick 05/10  
Scott, Trey 05/12  
Rudich Duryee, Sylvia 05/14

Vanatta, Jacquelyn 05/14  
Smith, Dina 05/18  
Young, Austin 05/19  
Harrison, Nathaniel 05/24  
Wiley, Shelley 05/25  
Cardinal, Beverly 05/27  
Young, Bobby 05/28  
Gilbert, Kyzer 05/30

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
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