



First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Minuet

Anton Stadler

Philip Thompson and Anne Thurmond, clarinet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dina Smith, Liturgist

ONE: Let the righteous be joyful!

ALL: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

ONE: Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

ALL: Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

*OPENING HYMN:

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#662

CALL TO & 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.

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. Katie Long

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:

King of All Ages, Throned on High

Paul Isom

King of all ages, throned on high, yet savior too of those with faith,
Death at your onslaught died in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme.
Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ receives from God the Father's hand
Power over all created things: A gift he could not know on earth.
Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost.
Glory to you, O Christ our Lord, exalted far beyond our sight,
Reigning in bliss for evermore, with Father and with Paraclete.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON:

John 17:1-11

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

***SERMON HYMN:**

We All Are One in Mission

#733

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:

Tranquilly

C. Hubert H. Parry

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:

Lead On, O King Eternal

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE:

Gravement

J.F. Dandrien

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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