



# First Presbyterian Church



Church Office: Mon.-Tue. & Thur.-Fri. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Voluntary in D Minor

*G.F. Handel*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Cade Arnold, Liturgist*

ONE: God's goodness is breaking into the world.

**ALL: We do not expect the Spirit's movement.**

ONE: God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

**ALL: We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.**

\*OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

**#265**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: We are a people living in sin. We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened. We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened. We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illumined by God's presence. Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together, saying...

**ALL: Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. Amen.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: It is the Lord who opens eyes to see. It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear. It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence. Peace, peace, peace—you are loved. You are enough. You belong. In Jesus Christ you are restored.

**ALL: Thanks be to our God forever and ever.**

\*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

*Katie Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

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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: In All These You Welcomed Me

*William Bradley Roberts  
Text: Carl P. Daw Jr.*

Traveler's child laid in a manger, refugee to Egypt bound,  
Pilgrim youth, yet not a stranger, when your Father's house you found;  
Christ, who set aside your glory to reclaim our wayward race,  
Help us read salvation's story in each passing heart and face.  
Guest who vintaged wine from water, wand'ring healer brimmed with balm,  
Foreigner whose hearer brought her heartthirst to your well of calm:  
Savior, may we see our neighbor as an emblem of your care;  
In our leisure and our labor give us grace to find you there.  
Homeless squatter in a garden, feaster in a rented room,  
Scapegoat for another's pardon, sleeper in a borrowed tomb:  
Jesus, outcast and offender to those certain of God's will,  
Rend the veils of race and gender, wealth and health, that shroud us still.  
Strange wayfarer to Emmaus, vague form on the distant shore,  
Fright to friends ("Does sense betray us?") when you stood with them once more:  
Risen Lord, be there to meet us when life dawns eternally;  
May your promised blessings greet us, "In all these you welcomed me.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:23-29

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SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

#511

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. 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: ... God of new life,

**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: Down to the River/Shall We Gather at the River

*Pepper Choplin*

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:

Shall We Gather at the River

#375

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Robert Powell*

# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30-10:30am via Zoom.
- **Nursery** - 10:45am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under, in the Fellowship Hall.

## WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Choir Practice** – 7:30pm - in the Sanctuary.
- **Bible Study** – “How Do You Spell Presbyterian” class begins 6/15 and will go to 7/6. 6p-7:15p in the Fellowship Hall.

## BIRTHDAYS:

GERMENIS, Alice	05/01	VANATTA, Jacquelyn	05/14
HOLLAND, Kadence	05/06	SMITH, Dina	05/18
MCCORMICK, Rachel	05/08	ANDERSON, Brady	05/19
NEIL, Mary Ann	05/09	HARRISON, Nathaniel	05/24
THURMOND, Emily	05/11	CARDINAL, Beverly	05/27
SCOTT III, James	05/12	COLLINSWORTH, Katie	05/30
RUDICH DURYEE, Sylvia	05/14	THURMAN, Aasta	05/31

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....	Pastor
Paul Thurmond.....	Director of Music
Amy Ainsley.....	Administrative Assistant
Virginia Kirby.....	SoulSong Coordinator
Katie Ory.....	Director of Children & Youth Ministry

## ELDERS:

2022:	Jeremy Germenis, Barry Turner, Donna Simpson
2023:	Jon Dugle, John Nisbet, David Pelren
2024:	Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm
<b>CLERK OF SESSION:</b>	Linda Wilson

## DEACONS:

2022:	Chris McCormick, Alana Pelren, Erica Scott
2023:	Myrna Estes, Ron Ledbetter, Amy Woods
2024:	Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom, Bob See

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