

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

May 17, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

**Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Fanfare

David German

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Lowry Faircloth

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Faith Formation Teacher Recognition

Addie Nichols

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 401, v. 1)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brynn Park

We remember the Lord is our shepherd, the Lord is our light and salvation, and the Lord is our keeper in our going out and coming in. In the words of Psalm 42 and 103:

Our souls long for God much like the way our bodies both need and crave water. Indeed, all that is within us is called to bless the Lord. In the words of Psalm 90 and 46:

We know that God has been our dwelling place in all generations, our refuge and strength in times of turmoil and storm.

In the words of Psalms 100 and 150:

We will make a joyful noise to Lord, giving praise with our voices and instruments.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*OPENING PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER

Evan Hicklin

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.

*OPENING HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Riley Elston

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Luke 12)

Elizabeth Roberson

We confess, O God, that even though you have called us to share extravagantly we are prone to keep things to ourselves. When we hoard our time, our hearts, our service, or our treasure, we are forgetting that our lives do not consist of the abundance of our possessions. Help us when greed has consumed us—help us to remember to share...share like the widow with her mite, share like

the apostles and prophets who risked all for the sake of your word, and share like your Son, the Lord of forgiveness and reconciliation, in whose name we pray for mercy and restoration.

A Moment for Silent Confession. AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lettie Owen

Hear this good news. Our Lord, who walked this earth and faced temptation, understands our struggles and temptations. Jesus stands ready to listen, to forgive, and call us to new life.

We believe the Good News that in Jesus Christ, we have a share in the resurrection victory! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 238, v.1)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Alice Owen

ANTHEM

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be. Hear my cry, my King my God. I will make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise, and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin. Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

Banks Shannon

(Pew Bible p.628)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-18

Libba Faircloth

(Pew Bible p.151)

THE SERMON

Senior Reflections

Elizabeth Briggs and Anna Roberson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith 9:1

Henry Goodner

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's underserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reese Elston, Ben Williams

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Carson Shannon

Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.

OFFERTORY

Creation Medley

Henry Janicke, piano

arr. Pamela M. Robertson

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jamison Deese

Loving God, we give thanks for your good gifts of life, of presence, and for our families. We thank you for all who give of themselves out of the abundance of their heart this and every day. Use these tithes and offerings to further your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Elizabeth Briggs, Natalie DiStasio, Anna Roberson

Congregation: **We offer you this blanket as a symbol of the continuing embrace of your parents, the unwavering care and support of this congregation, and the steadfast love of Christ.**

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 591)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festival Postlude

Domenico Zipoli

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our high school graduates, Elizabeth Briggs, Natalie DiStasio, and Anna Roberson.

We give glory to God for our youth and the gifts they offer to our church.

Elizabeth Batson, Henry Batson, Raines Bridges, Elizabeth Briggs, Amelia Crean, Katie Crean, Jamison Deese, Natalie DiStasio, Reese Elston, Riley Elston, Ann Lowry Faircloth, Libba Faircloth, Chyler Gockel, Henry Goodner, Lee Goodner, Mason Goodner, Evan Hicklin, Connor Hindson, Sophia Hindson, Joseph Hunsucker, Henry Janicke, Ward Janicke, Natalie Jurado, Sara Jurado, Addie Nichols, McCain Nichols, Coleman Nies, Keely Grace Nies, Lettie Owen, Mary Alice Owen, Brynn Park, McCord Redmond, Thad Redmond, Wade Redmond, Marshall Rikard, Anna Roberson, Elizabeth Roberson, Banks Shannon, Carson Shannon, Maddie Skinner, Liam Smith, Lucy Ann Smith, Cooper Theberge, Grayson Theberge, Kenzie Theberge, Ben Williams, Reeves Williams, Walt Williams, Penelope Zelinski, JoJo Zelinski

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today.

Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

Nursery Care Today: Susan Dove **May 24:** Libba Faircloth
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Paul Horne, Betsy Forrest
Elder/Deacon on Duty May 24: John Abernathy, Kathy James
Monitor/Greeter Today: Barry Goodner **May 24:** Bob Ballard
Acolytes Today: Keaton Esposito, Henry Goodner
Acolytes May 24: Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin, Allen Tice, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton

Purple for MPS Awareness! We wear PURPLE in honor of Keira and in memory of Izzy. Learn more at www.mpsociety.org.

Children's Church will not meet today. Children will participate fully in worship. Parents are welcome to take children to Worship Care in the Nursery.

Help for HOPE: During the month of May, we are collecting cans of vegetables (peas, green beans, corn, tomatoes, etc.). Place the cans in the Narthex by Sunday, May 24. Thank you from the M&O Committee and the Help for Hope clients.

Mahjong open play is tomorrow at 6:00 pm. Registration is required with Kara.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen: We are serving on Sunday, May 31! Shifts are available from 2-4 pm to cook and 4-6 pm to serve and clean-up, with 3-4 volunteers per shift. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Jennifer Abernathy.

Montreat Weekend is October 16-18! Registration is open. A room in the Inn is \$100/night and \$140/night if you need 2 rooms for your family. Six apartments available at \$140/night if arriving on Thursday. Register with Kara.

Youth DR Mission Trip: The team is collecting *baseball items* to take with them to Mission Emanuel. Items needed are: helmets, gloves/mitts, bats (aluminum), and baseballs. Or gift cards to Academy Sports or donations to our mission team. Please your items in the box in the Narthex by June 7.

Mission Outreach Opportunities: The HOP Ministry meets Tuesday, May 26 at 2:30 pm in Hopkins Hall! Join us at Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen on Thursday, May 28 at 10:30 am! Reach out to Wendy Blanchard for info!

Café Justo Is Back! Our supply has been replenished after months of shipping delays! Cost is \$12.50 for a one-pound bag. Decaf coffee is still on the way. See an order form in the Narthex or Dave Keely at dfkeely3@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Retreat: 26 women will be a part of our inaugural retreat at the SC Inn next weekend. Please pray for our time together.

Blood Drive: Oakland Ave Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 1 in Oakland Hall. Sign-up to give blood at redcrossblood.org.

Summer Schedule: Worship with us 10:00 am for the months of June and July.

Family Promise will be held at FPC the week of June 14-20. Click the QR code to register to volunteer.



This QR Code may be used for all online contributions to the church. There is a 1% processing fee for Checking/ACH transfers and 3% fee for Credit Card transaction.

Thank you to our youth for their leadership in worship. Tonight, the youth will meet in the church parking lot at 5:20 pm and depart for an end-of-year party at 5:30 pm. We will return to the church by 8:15 pm. If you have not RSVP'd with Kara, please text her by 1:00 pm.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship – Youth Sunday
5:20 pm Youth Year End Event

Monday, May 18

6:00 pm Mahjong Open Play
7:30 pm Mission/Outreach Zoom Mtg

Tuesday, May 19

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, May 21

2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Sunday, May 24

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2026

John Abernathy
Jimmy Campbell
Scott Harris
Elizabeth Owen
Susan Roberson

Class of 2027

Paul Horne
Ann Hunsucker
Chip Hutchison
Julia Nichols
Sheryl Smith

Class of 2028

Clair Roberts
Bo Redmond
John Blackwelder
Cynthia Johnson
Rob Joiner

Members of the Diaconate

Beth Janicke, Moderator

Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy
Heather Dellinger
Kathy James
Margaret Joiner
Dave Keely

Class of 2027

Beth Janicke
Allen Katz
Joan Musselwhite
Steve Roberts
Sherry Hutchison

Class of 2028

Cameron Lawson
Carolyn Johnson
Jonathan Nichols
Richard Quandt
Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for May

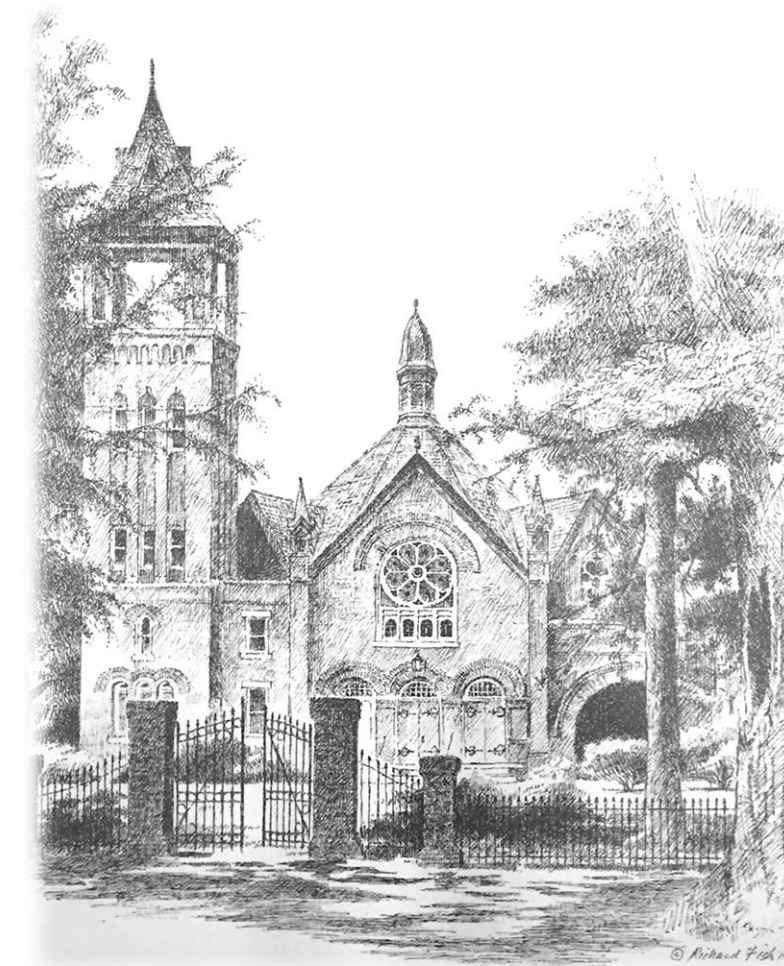
Dave Keely, Sherry Hutchison, Richard Quandt

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed



First Presbyterian Church

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We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

Worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving

Teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

Serve others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fellowship with one another to energize our life together as a congregation

Nurture and Embrace all of God's children.

Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor
Rev. Kara Wheeler – Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music
M. L. Marley – Organist
Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir
Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs