

First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Prelude *“Take the Name of Jesus with You”* Edward Broughton

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“A Jubilant Song”*Allen Pote

Call to Worship Ian Poole

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Ian Poole

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 122 *“Thine Is the Glory”* JUDAS MACCABEUS

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don’t know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) Hymn No. 579

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. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination..... Ian Poole

- First Scripture Reading Acts 16:16-24NT Page 136
- Time with Young Disciples
- Anthem..... *“Sing a Joyful Song”* Emily Crocker
- Second Scripture Reading..... Acts 16:25-34NT Page 136
- Sermon.....A Prison Conversion..... Rev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 341..... *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*ASSURANCE
- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed Ian Poole
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings Ian Poole
- Offertory*“Meditation”* Paul F. Page
- * Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowHymn 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- * Prayer of Dedication Ian Poole
- Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16
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.
- * Closing Hymn No. 425 *“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”*ABBOT’S LEIGH
- * Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“Thine Is the Glory”Robert Lau

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)



The Church Office will close at 12 noon this Friday, May 1.
Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Helen Bumpas in honor of Presbyterian Women.

The Wednesday is the next Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Night Out. We will meet at Bubba Brews (1252 Airport Road) on Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. There will be a 20% gratuity added to your bill. If you leave a tip on the table, you will be tipping twice. All women are invited to join us for great fellowship and a fantastic view. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. Judy Hoefer needs to call in a count tomorrow, Monday, April 27, to ensure adequate kitchen and serving staff, so please sign up if you plan to come.



Our 150th Anniversary Celebration will be here before you know it!

Everyone is invited to come and join us as we celebrate our mission and ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. There will be a wide variety of activities on Saturday, May 16, all leading up to our anniversary worship service on Sunday, May 17, which will be followed by a luncheon. The luncheon will be catered and a count of people attending is needed for the caterer. You **MUST** sign up by Friday, May 8, by contacting the church office (501-624-5646 or office@firstpreshotsprings.org).



Welcome Visitors! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

Save your Dimes! All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office office@firstpreshotsprings.org. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

<p><u>May 1</u> Lynn King Bill Randall, Jr.</p> <p><u>May 2</u> Elizabeth Chapmond Jonathan Gann Ernie Nipper</p> <p><u>May 8</u> Sarah Bumpas-Bibles Beverly Black</p> <p><u>May 10</u> Timothy Field Carroll</p> <p><u>May 17</u> Jeff Carr Brian Geltner</p>	<p><u>May 18</u> Emily Pierce Herbranson</p> <p><u>May 19</u> Janet Muse Sarah Sheppard</p> <p><u>May 20</u> Brissy Florini Jesse Florini Andrew Vann</p> <p><u>May 22</u> Annabelle Patterson</p> <p><u>May 24</u> Stephanie Grise-Fleming</p> <p><u>May 25</u> Paul Mills</p>	<p><u>May 26</u> Rebecca Sommer</p> <p><u>May 27</u> Zoey Boyd Janet Van Pelt</p> <p><u>May 30</u> Madalyn Boyd</p> <p><u>May 31</u> Bill Creason Judi Creason Sandra Matheney</p>
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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<p><u>May 20</u> Michael and Jeff Carr</p> <p><u>May 23</u> Chase and James Vinson</p>	<p><u>May 24</u> Leslie and Shane Hardin</p> <p><u>May 25</u> Kathy and Steve Hopper</p>
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We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep

Wednesday, April 29

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. PW 5th Wednesday Night Out

Friday, May 1 – Church Office Closes Early

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 3 - Communion

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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