

# First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2026**

Prelude ..... “*Adagio from Fantasia in F*” ..... W.A. Mozart

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*Festive Praise*” .....Allen Pote

Call to Worship ..... Sally Pierce

We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth:

**The Creator of our world and everything in it;**

The One who gave us life and breath,

**The One in whom we live and move and have our being.**

We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

**Let us worship God together!**

Opening Prayer ..... Sally Pierce

Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. **Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 150 ..... “*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*” .....MADRID

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Maker and giver of all, you are our life and our breath. But too often, we do not notice. Forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see your wonder; when we walk through our lives and fail to grasp your presence; when we walk through holy moments and fail to feel your company. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you— for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power.**

(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..... Sally Pierce

First Scripture Reading ..... Acts 17:16-21 ..... NT Page 137

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Here at Thy Table, Lord”* ..... Lani Smith

Second Scripture Reading..... Acts 17:22-31 ..... NT Page 137

Sermon..... An Unknown God..... Rev. Leslie Roper

\* Hymn No. 263..... *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* ..... ST. DENIO

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed ..... Sally Pierce

**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 ..... Sally Pierce

Offertory ..... *“Meditation”* ..... Paul F. Page

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly  
 Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

\* Prayer of Dedication ..... Sally Pierce

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (all are invited to participate)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer ..... 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.*

Closing Prayer

\* Closing Hymn No. 535 ..... *"Go with Us, Lord"* ..... TALLIS' CANON

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *"Come, Christians Join to Sing"* ..... David Lowe

*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.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Lynn and Ed King in honor of Lynn's birthday.

**Today is Communion Sunday and the FPC Blessing Box food collection.** The first Sunday of each month you are encouraged to bring food for the Blessing Box or give a check made out to the church with Blessing Box on the memo line. Please remember those less fortunate.



**Our 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto: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, 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

**Monday, May 4**

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

**Wednesday, May 6**

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Mission Lunch Prep at Jackson House

**Saturday, May 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Master Naturalist Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 10**

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

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

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