

First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Prelude

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit.....“*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*”Craig Courtney

Call to Worship Sally Pierce

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

The life we have been given by God,

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Sally Pierce

Lord God, in our time together this morning, open our ears and our eyes to see your vision for this place and our part within it. Teach us, hear our prayers and enable us for service wherever you might take us, to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 145 “*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*”MARION

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful and loving God, you created us and called us good, you made us a garden of perfection as our home. We have made a mess of things. Forgive us. When we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are harsh, gentle our spirit. When we are apathetic, remind us of your suffering children. When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb. Shape us, and turn us around, that we will live with blessing and grace and light.

(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 Psalm 133OT Page 575

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice”* Vivaldi/Hopson

Second Scripture Reading.....Philippians 1:3-11NT Page 196

Sermon..... Partners in God’s Grace Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 438..... *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* DENNIS

* 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

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST 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

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. 418... *“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”* ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

*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 Terri McKissack honoring all mothers and in loving memory of her mother, Ann Marshall, and her brother, Ronny Marshall, on his birthday.

Activity Schedule Changes: May's Family Night Supper Church Picnic has been canceled due to the close proximity of the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Birthday Cake Sunday has also been moved to May 24. Join us as we celebrate all May birthdays.

150th Anniversary Celebration: This upcoming weekend is our big celebration! We hope you all will plan to be there!!

May 16

10:30 a.m.	Historical Talk and Architectural Open House
12:00 Noon	Parking Lot Block Party
5:30 p.m.	Reception
6:00 p.m.	Anniversary Concert

May 17

10:30 a.m.	150 th Anniversary Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Anniversary Luncheon

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, May 10

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

Monday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 12

12:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Saturday, May 16 – 150th Anniversary Celebration

10:30 a.m. Historical Talk and Architectural Open House
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5:30 p.m. Reception
6:00 p.m. Anniversary Concert

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9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary Worship Service
11:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary Luncheon
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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