

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit scared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude *Spirit of the Living God* EDWARD BROUGHTON

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** (responsive) Psalm 118:1-4

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

*Morning Prayer

***Morning Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475/NETTLETON

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon Tricia Nolan

All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ezekiel 36:22-28 p. 704

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

At the River AARON COPLAND
Bob Link, Soloist

*Shall we gather by the river,
where bright angel's feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather
with the saints at the river that flows by
the throne of God.*

*Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon
our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our
happy hearts will quiver with the melody
of peace.*

*Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down.
Praise our spirits will deliver
and provide our robe and crown.*

*Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather
with the saints by the river that flows by
the throne of God.*

Second Lesson: John 3:1-17 pp. 863-864

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Sermon "Good News" Dr. Richard Burnett

Responding to the Word

Sermon Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #263/CORONATION

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison) The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 the Offering

Offertory *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* ROBERT J. HUGHES

***Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610/AZMON

*Charge and Benediction

***Choral Benediction** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* #80/TREES OF THE FIELD

***Postlude** *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* KARRIN FORD

Thank you to Dr. Richard Burnett for serving as our guest minister; Lee Atkinson for serving as liturgist; Tricia Nolan for leading Time with the Young Disciples; Craig Powell for serving as soundboard operator; and to Holly Cody for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Sermon notes:

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: Spirit of God, source of life, refresh my spirit, reshape my desire, and re-create my heart, that I may show forth your enduring glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Spirit of God, you sustained me during the work of day; sustain me as I rest this night. Let my evening meditations be pleasing to you, that I may rise in the morning to rejoice in your goodness. Awake or asleep, I will sing your praise while I have being; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison	Stuart Britt	The Wardlaw family
Laura Ashley	Neil & Lynda	The Threatt family
Neile Chambers	Counterman	Latha Gearheart & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Andy Dill	Cindy Jacobs & family
Kathy Hamer	Julie Young Keadle	Sonya Atkinson & family
Linda Hunter	Alan Pinson	Pam Warren & family
Gin Jacobs	Kim Purcell	Marvine & Bill Tyler
Liz Pinzon	Trecie Davis Richey	Danny & Hunt Cook
Dot Smith	Joe House	The Goodbar family
		The Stidham family

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo).

The prayer list will be updated June 1st. If you would like to be added to or removed, please let the church office know.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marty Ademy	Lee Atkinson	Austin Barnes
Emily Holder	Danny Cook	Cyndi Coker
Bob Link	Amanda Donley	Charlie Gustafson
Holbrook Raynal	Chad Gambrell	Harold Nichols
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This Week at FPC

- Sunday, May 24**
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day – Church office closed**
- Tuesday, May 26**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 a.m. – Mah Jongg (Rm. 110 – CLC)
- Wednesday, May 27**
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)
- Thursday, May 28**
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News and for the monthly newsletter
- Friday, May 29 – Church office closed**



Pastor Andy and family will be making the big move to Clinton this week. Please hold the Chambers family close for traveling mercies back and forth as they begin to settle into their new home!

Announcements



As summer is quickly approaching, we would like to invite you to dress more casually for our upcoming Sunday worship services. We want everyone to feel comfortable and relaxed as we gather together during the warmer months.



Inter-generational Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday! Bring the whole family and join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our summer series: **Praying at the Movies.**



Vacation Bible School starts soon! This year we will partner with Broad Street United Methodist as they host an evening VBS, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., June 22 – 26. Register your child by visiting: <https://www.myvbs.org/clintonvbs2026>



In honor of Juneteenth, the Racial Equity Committee is sponsoring a potluck breakfast during the SS hour on **June 14th**. Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share and join us in this time of fellowship.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to OnRealm, where you may make your offering or tithe. (Text/Data rates may apply)

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**May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday**