

Service for the Lord's Day
May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDES "Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven" Marcel Dupre
 (Op. 28, Nr. 31)
 "Ascension" Peter Pindar Sterns
 (from *Eight Episodes in the Life of Our Lord*)

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Confirmands

CHORAL INTROIT "Alleluia" Tone VI
 (Alleluia. God is gone up with a merry noise:
 and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP
 The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;
 we behold God's glory.
**God has gone up with a shout,
 with the sound of a trumpet.**
 Give thanks to God, O faithful ones.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.
Sing praises to our King; sing praises!

† HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (v.1-4)

† CALL TO CONFESSION
 Despite our best attempts to have faith in Christ, to love our siblings in faith,
 and to reflect God's glory to this world, we know we have not always lived up
 to who we have been called to be. But we are children of the Most High, and
 we are invited to bring these confessions before God, so that we might find
 peace and forgiveness. Join me in our Prayer of Confession.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the
 heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you
 have left us.**
Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us.
Forgive us for waiting idly for your return,
instead of doing the work you have called us to do.
You are above us, around us, before us, and within us;
help us to embody you in our time and place,
today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 Friends, Hear the Good News: Christ is the one who reigns on high, Christ is
 the one with the power to judge us, and Christ is the one who offers us eternal
 love, forgiveness, and mercy.
All praise to Christ who lived, died, and lives again! Alleluia!

† ACT OF PRAISE 589 "Alleluia"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
 As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another.

Proclamation

PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR 2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS
 Caroline Allman, Elizabeth Allman, William Black, Annabelle Hall,
 Jenny Klepinger, Zoe McCormick

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
 God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom
 to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy
 continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:6-14

ANTHEM "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Gerald H. Knight
 (Text found at Hymn 662)

GOSPEL LESSON John 17:1-11

MESSAGE "Bearing Witness" Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Written by the Confirmation Class

**We believe in God Almighty, our Creator, Sustainer, and Protector. God
 guides us, forgives us, and continually makes us new through grace and
 love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, whom God sent to teach us how to love,
 forgive, and serve one another. Through his life, he showed us how to live
 according to the scriptures, with compassion, humility, and mercy.
 Through his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death so that all
 may know the promise of new life and salvation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is always with us, especially in times of
 doubt and in moments when we wrestle with life's greatest mysteries. The
 Holy Spirit inspires, comforts, and strengthens us, helping us grow each
 day into the people God calls us to be.**

**We believe the church is the body of Christ: a community of people
 gathered together to worship God, share fellowship, and serve others with
 love and compassion.**

† HYMN 733 "We All Are One in Mission" (v.1-3)

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord, To Whom Our Prayers Ascend" Franz Schubert
 (Landon Freeman Watts, Soloist)

(Lord, to whom our prayers ascend, Flowing from the inmost heart,
 Through each day and each endeavor, May our lives your love impart.
 You are always there to guide us, Keeping us within your care.
 All creation is your temple Where your praises we declare. Bless
 us now, both friends and family, Go with us through all our days.
 May our lives in work and worship Be a hymn of love and praise.)

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever.
 With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives
 and our resources may be a source of healing and hope,
 of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

† HYMN 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (v.1-4)

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Alleluia" Tone VI

Alleluia, I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come
 again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.)

† POSTLUDE "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Donna Williams

† Stand as you are able

We welcome, once again, Winthrop student, Landon Freeman Watts back to
 First Presbyterian. Landon is offering a solo that we are dedicating to our new
 confirmands.

Organ Quiz: How many silent pipes do we currently have on our organ? Take
 a guess! 10, 44, 29 or 83? Answer found on Calendar for this Week.

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 24TH
Join us for a graduate reception in the parlor at 10am.

Thanks to all for your support of the Preschool Art Show! The Preschool
 raised over \$5000 to go towards security upgrades and expanding our
 art program. Thank you again for supporting this mission!

Bethelwoods has day camps and overnight camps for Kindergarten through
 High School. Check out the opportunities for your children this Summer.

The 2026 Summer Activities Booklet is here! These booklets can be
 found in the sanctuary or the table outside of Alice's office. Please mark
 on your calendars the events you are interested in and let Alice know if
 you will be going. There are limited seats on the church bus. Fellowship
 is FUN! Join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
 SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE
 SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS
 THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)
 Registration is online @ fpcyorksc.org (VBS) or on blue paper registration
 forms by the outside door and elevator.

The Family Life Committee is once again selling First Presbyterian T-Shirts,
 Polo Shirts and now HATS! Our first sale was a success, but many of you
 missed it. This sale will run until May 31st. Fill out your order form online or
 paper copies are available by the sanctuary door or outside door. Buy a shirt
 or hat to wear on our church outings!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Bruce Richardson & Julian Chinavare (friends of Jake Walden), Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer, Denise Zamora (Mya Clewis's aunt) has breast cancer & Ree Dillon (Back Surgery)

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp


FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Pete Barnwell's birthday by Ann Barnwell and Leslie Hennigan.

LITTLE DISCIPLES 17 th Maralee Hall 24 th Lauren Klepinger	NURSERY Angie Pratt Susan Hill
ACOLYTES 17 th Eliana Setzer/Kemp Hall 24 th Tallon Zesiger/Carter Setzer	CROSS BEARER Elizabeth Hiott James Caveny

First Pres book club meets again on May 26th! Our current read is "Culpability" by Bruce Holsinger. All are welcome!

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!
Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO
Scan: the QR code above to download the ListenWiFi app
Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
 FPCOY_AL_Audio-5G Password: fpc\$2356
Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
Listen: Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.



CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Sun. 5-17** 7:30am Session (Meet with Confirmands 10:00am)
10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship
2:30pm Presbytery at Oakland Avenue
6:00pm York Baccalaureate at YCHS
- Mon. 5-18** 11:30am 2 yr. old end of year program
8:00pm AA
- Tues. 5-19** 11:30am 2 yr old end of year program
- Wed. 5-20** 9:30am 4 yr. old end of year program
10:00am Acts Study
10:30am 3 yr. old end of year program
2:30pm LIFT to Adventure Air
6:00pm Grief Share
8:00pm AA
- Thur. 5-21** 5:30pm Grateful Girls
6:00pm Girl Scouts in McNeel
- Fri. 5-22** 11:30am Mother's Morning Out end of year program
- Sun. 5-24** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Communion/Graduation Sunday

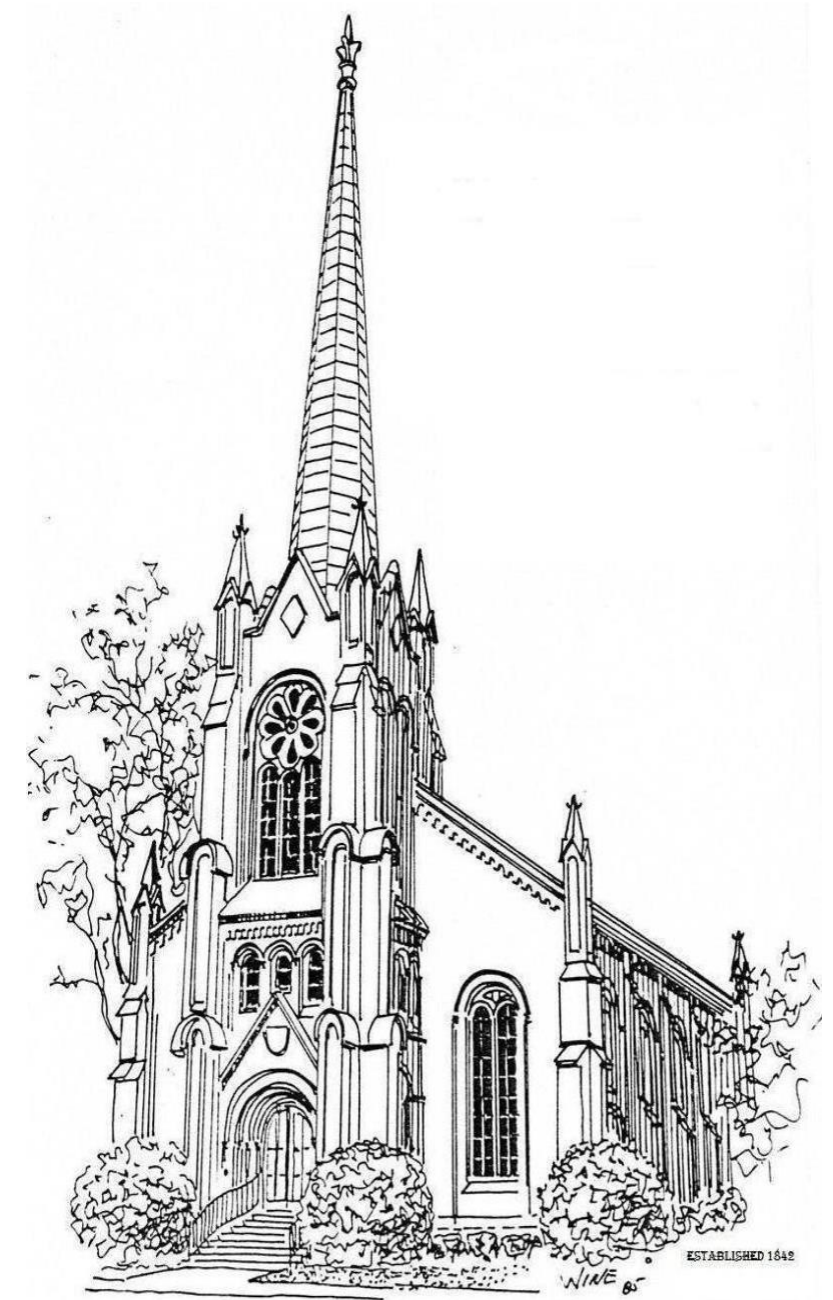
ANSWER TO ORGAN QUESTION: 29 Pipes are currently dead due to leather issues.

Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll....Property
Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel	Sonya Kent....Congregational Care
Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel	Jamie Caveny..Family Life
Lynn Leake...Worship	Jay Leake.....Property
Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance	Shawn Jarrett...IT
Debbie Lowe...Congregational Care	Jake Walden...Mission/Evangelism
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