

Morning Worship—May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Easter

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

PRELUDE

“Prelude in G Major”

J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

People: God is a very present help in times of trouble.

Leader: Be still and know that the Lord is God.

People: We will not fear though the earth should change.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us.

People: We will joyfully raise our voices and lift our hearts to worship our Creator, Savior and Sustainer.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 371**

“Lift High the Cross”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Sin enslaves us in self-destructive ways.

People: But in Christ we are set free.

Leader: Guilt chains us to a hurtful past.

People: But in Christ we are liberated for a new future.

Leader: Believe in the Good News!

People: In Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

arr. Michele Murray

Doxology 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Joyce Perez

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Dan Forrest

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us Your ways and teach us Your paths. By Your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in Your truth and taught Your will. Then may we praise You by listening to Your Word and by obeying it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

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1 Thessalonians 1

SERMON

“The Power of Pep”

Rev. Allen Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal Pg. 14)**

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

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 556**

“The World Abounds with God’s Free Grace”


BENEDICTION 535

“Go With Us, Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Arioso (Thanks Be to God)”

G. F. Handel

	Sunday School Attendance	44
	Worship Attendance	78
	Tithes & Offerings	\$3,317.68
	Saturday Lunch Ministry	Not Record-


ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox’s sister-in-law), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alma Moran, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds’ sister), Carson Roberds and parents Ashleigh and Alex Roberds, Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Emily Weller, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Martha Bell, James Cannon, Marie-Louise Crane, Kelvin Gunn, Flo Hall, Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Lee Norman, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nancy Wilson

Our Deepest Condolences to the family of Audrey Cocke on her passing Wednesday, May 3.



Mark your calendars for VBS
 June 19-22
 from 5:30 pm—
 8:00 pm
 (Dinner will be served).



Upcoming Events for our Children & Youth
Youth Scavenger Hunt
 TODAY: Meet at 2 p.m. out front in the courtyard
Children’s Fishing Trip May 20 at the Mathena’s
Youth Geocaching: May 21

SERVING TODAY

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| Nursery/Sunday School | Leigh Blount & Marissa Meadors |
| Children’s Sunday School | Karan Johnson & Gwen Baucom |
| | Laura Jones & Erin Parris |
| Elders at Front Door | Dave Zook |
| Friendship Period | Jarrold Brown, Tom Barrett |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | Becky Meadema |
| Officers to Count Offering | Kile/Barrett |
| Church School Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Joyce Perez |
| Time for Young Disciples | Joyce Perez |
| Sound System | Dick Stoakley |
| Ushers | Team 1 |
| Flower Ministry | Bible Fellowship Class |
| Weekend Custodian | Ron Tanner |
| Childcare Specialists | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry May 13 | Eddie Blount |



Please plan to join us for this year’s **Low Country Boil** held on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30. The cost will be \$7/person or \$21/family. Chicken can also be ordered. A representative will be selling tickets in the Juice room starting on May 7th. This year we’ll also be having a **Pie Baking Contest** so there’ll be great desserts available.

More details to come!



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, May 8

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
- 11 a.m. VIP Committee

TUESDAY, May 9

- 9 a.m. Day School

WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 6 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, May 11

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, May 12

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, May 13

- 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
- 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, May 14—Mother’s Day

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Mid & High School, Rm 112
- Outlook Class, Rm 322
- Bible Fellowship, Library
- Seekers, Rm 109
- 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS