

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Clark	Sound
Kathy Dolianitis	Liturgist
Eddie Blount	Security, side door and offering

BUDGET UPDATE

	March 31	YTD
Contributions	\$72,044.33	\$121,710.65
Expenditures	\$48,729.76	\$127,972.20
Difference	\$23,314.57	(\$6,261.55)

First Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

11 a.m.



“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME,
AND DO NOT HINDER THEM,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.”

MATTHEW 19:14

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYSCHOOL PRESENTATION

Erin Parris

PRELUDE

“The Shepherd’s Psalm”

for handbells with narrator by J. Wayne Kerr

(Jack Garrett, Narrator)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our praise for all that God has done resound within and beyond these walls.

When all people turn to God and worship God, the poor shall eat and be satisfied, and justice and peace will surely embrace present and future generations.

Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done, let our lives and our love proclaim the message of God’s gracious and liberating acts.

INVOCATION

We, like the Psalmist, cry out in praise and thanksgiving in response to God’s eternal loving-kindness, holding us, guiding us, enfolding us with grace. And, as we gather here as people of God, we pray that our worship will reflect that divine love. We offer our worship today with the remembrance of Easter still filling us with joy, and with the anticipation of Pentecost firing our devotion. Let our praise for all that God has done, is doing and will do, truly resound within our hearts and our homes, within these walls and beyond. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN:

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday, April 28

Day School Sunday—Lunch will be served to the congregation, day school students, staff, and parents following worship.

Tuesday, April 30

FPC Handbell Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

DACAS Handbell Rehearsal at 6 p.m.

Danville Symphony Flute Quartet rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

The annual **Low Country Boil**. Tickets are \$9. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary windows and should be turned in by Thursday, April 25 as an accurate head count is needed for this meal. Payment is due at the door.

Thursday, May 2

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3

Temple Beth Shalom using the chapel.

Saturday, May 4

“Surprise Concert” by Danville Symphony Orchestra, Pack a picnic to enjoy before this free outdoor concert! The stage and seating area are sheltered from rain and sun. 1 p.m. at Carrington Pavilion.

Saturday Lunch Ministry from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. Come and help us prepare and serve meals to our guests.

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*
Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Meadows

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Traditional Children's Song

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan (blow) it out. I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan (blow) it out. I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us. That your name might be glorified through our lives.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of resurrection
of life and death
rebirth

All: Renew our hearts and minds

God of promise
of all beginnings
and all endings

All: Renew our hearts and minds

God of hope
of new growth
and harvest

All: Renew our hearts and minds

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE

“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.*

YOUNG DISCIPLES LESSON

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM WITH CHILDREN *“Jesus Loves Me!”* Bradbury/Warner & McGuire

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Our heavenly Father, we come before you even as the text we’re about to read says: as little children who need a morsel from your hand. We pray that you would condescend to speak to us, and that you would care for our little souls, minds, and hearts as we sit here this morning. We pray that your Spirit would attend to each of us. Press home the truth of this passage, that we may know that you have spoken to us out of it. In Christ’s holy name we pray, amen.

**SCRIPTURE
SERMON**

Mark 10:13-16
“Let The Children Come to Me”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

“In My Life (Lord Be Glorified)”

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POSTLUDE

“All Glory Be To God On High”

A.W. Leopold

BENEDICTION

Today, the flowers are in given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Elizabeth (Betzy) Temple Wilson
by her daughters, Elizabeth , Mary Temple, Rebecca and
their families.