

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
Sound	Sam Meadema
Liturgist	Maggie Weller
Greeter	David Swann
Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch	Kathy Dolianitis

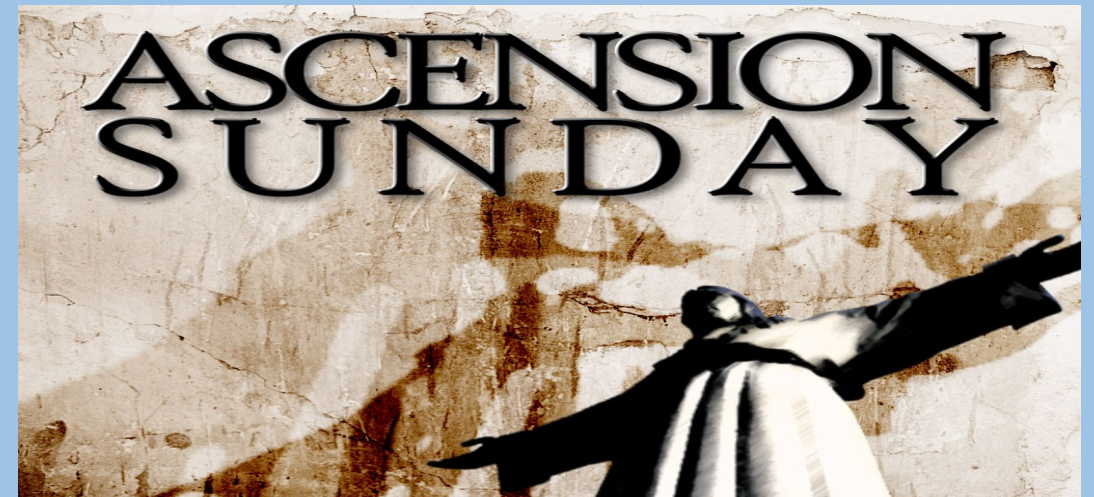
BUDGET UPDATE

	April 1 – 30	YTD
Contributions	\$10,041.69	\$131,744.06
Expenditures	\$31,548.38	\$159,520.58
Difference	(-\$21,506.69)	(-\$27,776.52)

First Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024

11 a.m.



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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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me" Bradbury/L. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Once Jesus lived a human life limited to a particular time and place; now he is present wherever people turn to him.

All: Praise to the ascended Christ!

One: Once only those who met Jesus face-to-face knew him; now his divine love extends throughout the world.

All: Praise to the ascended Christ!

One: Jesus has taken his place of authority and has been crowned Lord of all.

All: Praise to the ascended Christ!

INVOCATION: God of possibilities, just as Jesus called the first disciples out of familiar patterns and long-held expectations, so help us to move beyond the way things are to the future you envision. Just as the disciples were commissioned to carry the gospel beyond comfortable boundaries, so enable your church to transcend all that keeps us from following where your Spirit leads. Give us the strength, courage, and wisdom we need to let go of what was and embrace what will be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 14 Handbells at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 **Wednesday night dinner.** It is a blessing to welcome Bill Perrow for a visit and as our speaker for the Wednesday night dinner program on May 15th. Bill and Wanda continue to minister to homeless children in Medellin, Colombia through the Open Arms Foundation which they began over 30 years ago. First Presbyterian Church has supported their work since its inception. Bill writes, "If there is one thing we can say with resounding certainty, it is that God is good," as they have seen through many challenges, struggles and painful losses. Plan to come on Wednesday to greet Bill and hear of the current work at OAF.

Saturday, May 18 **Saturday Lunch Ministry**

"Songs About Faith, Hope, and Love" a voice recital by Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson, our organist Patricia Taylor's daughter and son-in-law. They will be joined by pianist Sam Wellman. A free will offering will be taken. 4:00 pm, First Presbyterian sanctuary.

Prayer for the Congregation This Week

"Lord remind me that I am to be a Great Commission Christian in a Great Commission church. Remind me that, in Your strength, I am to do whatever it takes to reach out into my community with the transforming power of the gospel". Amen.

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

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the Glory of God and in honor and remembrance of all mothers by the Takata family.

“Holy Ground”

Words and Music by Geron Davis (b. 1960)

Arranged by W. Paul Ferrin (1934-2018)

As I walked through the door, I sensed His presence,
And I knew this was the place where love abounds;
For this is the temple, Jehovah God abides here.
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

Chorus: We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

In His presence, there is joy beyond measure,
And at His feet, peace of mind can still be found;
If you have the need I know He has the answer.
Reach out and claim it, child, you're standing on holy ground!
(Chorus repeats twice.)

We are standing in His presence, we are standing in His presence,
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

Geron Davis is a very gifted musician originally from Bogalusa, Louisiana. He is a pianist, singer, songwriter, and composer. “Holy Ground” is his most popular and well-known composition. Since he began his songwriting career in the early 1980s, Davis has released at least thirty-five albums. He also sings in a quartet, “Kindred Souls,” with his wife, sister, and brother-in-law.

This arrangement was done by a lifelong church musician in the Assemblies of God denomination, W. Paul Ferrin. When arranging music Ferrin took great care to remain faithful to the original composition while ‘translating’ it into a choral octavo that most church choirs and church musicians can learn (whether they play or sing by ear, only by reading music, or both). Ferrin and his wife, Marjorie Daniel, began a tradition called the “Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing” and toured the country leading congregational song focused worship services. In total, Paul Ferrin published over three hundred songs during his lifetime.

HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

GTG#263

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God’s love. Therefore, let’s confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to celebrate Jesus’ coronation and seating at your right hand. Yet truly, amidst our celebration we must confess our lack of trust. We speak correctly of your sovereignty over all creation yet—deep down—we have thought and acted as though you seem powerless in today’s circumstances. Forgive the shallowness of our faith and the fickleness of our hearts. Renew our confidence to not only sing and shout “He is Lord!” but to match it in every corner of our lives. Through Jesus our reigning king we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from First John 2:1-2

Friends, hear these words given to us by the Apostle John: “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—even Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. This Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” Believe the gospel as if your life and your destiny depended on it. Because it really does. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

J. Darwall, arr. Berry

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Holy Ground"

G. Davis/W.P. Ferrin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

SCRIPTURE SERMON

Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53
"Faithful Waiting"

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

"Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

J. Walther

BENEDICTION