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

Ashley Stanley-Robey Music Director

Patricia Taylor Organist

Sound C. B. Strange

Liturgist Brenna Takata

Greeter David Swann

Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch Sam Meadema

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 19, 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 worshipers 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 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

English folk tune, arr. B. B. Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together, to share in the praises of our Creating God! Yet, how can we adequately describe the Creator of the universe? In faith, we will praise the LORD. O God, how wonderful you are!

God's creative Spirit draws us together to share in worship and praise of our Almighty God, who continues to breathe life into all creation!

God is robed in light, honour and majesty; and has laid the foundation of this universe as a mirror image of God's own unchanging nature. How amazing is our God!

Yes, we will praise and worship our God! Amen.

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

Monday, May 20 CE Committee meets at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 Membership Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Activities at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 23 Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Saturday Lunch Ministry

Day School Graduation at 6 p.m.

Prayer for the Congregation This Week

"Lord, open my eyes to the needs of others. Show me how to live more like Your Son, who always put others' interests first. And especially show me that attitude as I serve in my church"

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

"A Prayer for Pentecost"

Lyricist: Pamela Stewart (b. 1946) | Composer: David Lantz III (b. 1956)

Flame within the fire, Breath within the breeze, Dove of highest heav'n, come and dwell in me.

Thou the sacred Flame within me, purifying fire, Kindle me with fervent longing; be my sole desire. Fill me with a blaze; consume me, test me and refine. Burn away all other yearning; leave no trace behind.

Thou the sacred Breath within me, mystery of life, Animate each thought and motion, faith that comes alive. Fill me with a higher purpose; join my will with Thine. Stir me to become of service. Move this heart of mine.

Thou the sacred Peace within me, gentle as a dove, Comfort me with Your assurance; quiet me with love. Fill me with your perfect wisdom; calm my restless mind. Be my strength and consolation, Comforter divine.

CHRIST FOR THE ISLAND WORLD (CFTIW)

One of the missions we support is in Indonesia. CFTIW was started by a missionary from Greensboro, NC. After 13 years in Indonesia, he saw the need to provide support to the Bible School and Seminary Graduates so that they could work full-time sharing the gospel of Christ at a fraction of the cost of an imported American missionary. This has proven to be very effective. Thousands of Indonesians have accepted Christ: hearing the Gospel in their own tongue by a native Indonesian speaker. Eleven evangelists, twenty-four outpost pastors, and three supervisors receive some support for their ministries.

Because Indonesia is so flat, they use an inexpensive RAM pump to deliver clean water to the villages. This project was started by a CFTIW missionary. This 'Living Water' project has been very effective in spreading the gospel. You get clean running water 24 hours a day – a village, a garden, and a pastor! Fifty of these Christian villages have been started to date.

HYMN

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive. Come, then, let us adore the one who is mighty to save!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God,

Our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again.

Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us,

We have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments.

We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive.

We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished your covenant.

Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places.

As our souls thirst for your living waters,

Quench our needs and satisfy our love.

That we may come back to you and be sent forth

To fill the world with your mercy and grace.

In the name of your son, Jesus Christ,

And by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; If you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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".

"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

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Gottschalk/Hegarty

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"A Prayer for Pentecost"

P. Stewart/D. Lantz III

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

John 20:21-22

SERMON

"A Quiet Pentecost"

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

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

Owen/Ryan

BENEDICTION

"Peace"

W. Priory and G Norbet

Peace I leave with you, my friends, peace the world cannot give.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, so that your joy be ever full.