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

Jackson Weller Minister of Discipleship

Ashley Stanley-Robey Music Director

Patricia Taylor Organist

Sound David Parris

Liturgist Becky Meadema

Greeter David Swann

Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch Kim Wimer

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

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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 "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" Broughton "Veni Creator" RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise God the Creator,

People: Who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor;

Leader: Let us worship God the Savior,

People: Who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;

Leader: Let us experience God the Spirit,

People: Who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday May 27th — Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday May 28th — Ladies Dinner 5:30pm

Wednesday May 29th — Youth Group Meeting 6:00-7:30pm

Thursday May 30th — Bible Study 10:30am, Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm

Saturday June 1 — Saturday Lunch Ministry

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

"God, please give our pastor a heart and a vision to reach and minister to people beyond our own walls. Teach me to be the kind of church member who encourages and supports our pastor, so discouragement and disillusionment does not lead to departure".

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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel (1863-1961) | Arranged by Cliff Duren

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised. Believe Him and all will be well.

Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell.

(Chorus repeats.)

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

About the Anthem:

Composer Helen Howarth Lemmel was born the daughter of a Wesleyan minister in England in 1863. She loved music from her earliest days; her parents gave her voice lessons with the best teachers they could find. The family moved to America when Helen was twelve years old. In young adulthood, she spent four years studying vocal music in Germany. She met and married a wealthy European man. Sadly, Helen's husband abandoned her when she went blind. She suffered this great heartache in middle age before receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn. She said the chorus just came to her. She made no conscious effort to write or embellish it. In her later years, Helen befriended a young pastor Doug Goins and his parents, Paul and Kathryn Goins. They described her as a joyful and enthusiastic person, full of life despite her ailments, "Though she was living on government assistance in a sparse bedroom, whenever we'd ask how she was doing, she would reply, 'I'm doing well in the things that count.'" Helen Lemmel wrote nearly five hundred hymns during her life, with the help of friends to write or record them. She passed away two weeks before her 98th birthday.

HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Ruler of the universe, You have given us commandments by which to live, and we have broken them again and again. Indeed, we have broken them so often that we are used to it. Forgive us, we pray and help us never to become accustomed to breaking Your law. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: How much does God love us?

People: Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,

Leader: Not to condemn us, but to save us.

People: Not by our speaking or doing,

Leader: but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *Katholisches Gesangbuch* c. 1774, 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: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen H. Lemmel, arr. Cliff Duren

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

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 #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE "Lord God" J. Pachelbel

BENEDICTION