

# 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	Jackson Weller
Greeter	Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch	David Swann

## BUDGET UPDATE

	May 1 – 31	YTD
Contributions	\$13,623.77	\$145,988.36
Expenditures	\$55,632.80	\$215,153.38
Difference	(-\$42,009.03)	(-\$69,165.02)

# First Presbyterian Church

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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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Steal Away" African American Spiritual  
Chancel Choir with Mack Williams, tenor and Ashley Stanley-Robey, soprano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of every thought and reality, the holy, prophetic sustainer of community, we gather here today as your people, children of the good news.

**Assure us of your presence once again, that we may trust the mystery of life and growth, as we gather in the name of our Savior, who is Jesus, the 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.

**HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**GTG#307**

## SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY FOR SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITIES

The Missions Committee will hold its second Sunnyside Communities Offering on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16. Sunnyside Communities serves three retirement communities in Virginia including King's Grant in Martinsville. This offering supports the Fellowship Fund which provides financial and personal resources for residents who can no longer fully pay for their care. In most cases these residents have no other means of support and often no family. Checks can be made out to FPC - put Sunnyside Community in the memo line. Look for envelopes next to the bulletins.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<b>Monday, June 17</b>	<b>Christian Education Meeting</b> at 4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 18</b>	<b>Youth Activities</b> at 6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, June 19</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL IS CANCELLED</b>
<b>Saturday, June 22</b>	<b>Saturday Lunch Ministry</b> at 11 a.m.
<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	<b>Dr. Jonna Reeder</b> will be attending the Outlook Class and participating in Sunday worship

### Prayer for the Congregation This Week

"Lord, teach me the proper stewardship of all the material items You give me personally and in my church. Help me never let that stewardship evolve into obsession and idolatry, especially where I lose my perspective on what really matters"

### 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 Wimer

\*Denotes Steering Committee Members

## **Mission Focus: Endowing People**

First Presbyterian Church is working this year with Rev. David Baker to sponsor Endowing People. Endowing People's mission is to provide a year's worth of guaranteed basic income and financial literacy training designed to lift families out of "working poor" status and into financial stability and security. Instruction includes budgeting, investing, home buying, insurance, and retirement planning among other things.

Rev. Baker started the class in 2023. The results were extremely encouraging, with many participants finding better jobs, starting retirement accounts, getting out of debt and saving money. Most of all, the people who participated now have hope for their financial futures and that of their families now that they understand finances and how to make money from their savings.

This year's class has ten individuals. They meet the third Wednesday of each month. The partnership with FPC is a trial for using a model like Endowing People for evangelism. Under the agreement, the church has agreed to provide support for the new class of Endowing People participants for member involvement, grant funds, and congregation contributions. The FPC Mission Committee is meeting with class members to greet Endowing People participants at meetings and invite them to participate in church activities and services. In addition, FPC was recently awarded a \$4,500 grant to support the program. We are now asking for your support.

Starting July 7, a one-page Commitment Form will be placed next to the bulletin. If you are interested in helping FPC support this program, please complete the form. You may attach a check made to First Presbyterian Church (Endowing People on memo line) and return it in the offering plate or the church office.

Through Endowing People, First Presbyterian Church is extending its ministry beyond its traditional boundary to the community, helping people secure financial sufficiency while learning about the church mission.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,  
to walk by faith.

**Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.**

**It's hard to live by faith.**

You call us to place our trust in you,  
to live according to your direction.

**Yet we want life to make sense  
from a human point of view.**

**It's hard to live by faith.**

You call us to feel the mystery of life,  
to marvel at the power of your love.

**Yet it's not easy to accept your promise  
that everything old has passed away.**

**It's hard to live by faith.**

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

**Forgive us for playing god  
instead of accepting our humanity.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Mark 4, Psalm 72)**

Fear not, for our creator, the loving maker of all reality, forgives us, and redeems us from violence and oppression. God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community, and marvel as they grow. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. **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***“Air”*

J.S. Bach

**DOXOLOGY****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****ANTHEM***“Blessed Assurance”*

Crosby and Knapp, arr. Duren

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE**

I John 3:18

**SERMON***“Why Our Actions Don’t Match Our Words”***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***“Breathe on Me Breath of God”***GTG#286****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***“Fugue”*

Pachelbel

**BENEDICTION**