

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	David Clark
Liturgist	Randy Brooks
Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch	Eddie Blount
Greeter	Sam Meadema

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

June 9, 2024



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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Finlandia"*

F. Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

LORD, I call upon You; hurry to me!

Listen to my voice when I call to You!

May our prayers be counted as incense before You;

The raising of our hands as an offering.

INVOCATION

As we gather in your name, we humbly seek your divine guidance during this worship service. Be the beacon that illuminates our path, the compass that directs our hearts, and the wisdom that guides our thoughts. May your presence be felt in every word spoken and every note sung. We trust in your infinite wisdom and pray for your guidance to lead us on the righteous path.

HYMN *"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"*

GTG#334

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 11

Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Youth Activities at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Seek and Soak Bible Study and Prayer at 10:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, June 16

Montreat Conference—please be in prayer for those traveling for the Music and Worship Conference June 16 to June 22

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 on June 9 & 16

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

"God, reignite the hearts of our church members, including me, to have a passion for the gospel. Teach our church to share the gospel with others. Teach us to live as men and women who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose."

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 Joyous Psalm”

Based on Psalm 138 | By Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

I give Thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

O God, I sing Thy praise and give thanks unto Thy Name,

For Thy love, for Thy steadfast love, for Thy love and faithfulness.

Alleluia, Alleluia... *(repeated)*

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord.

They have heard the words, the words of Thy mouth,

And shall sing of the ways, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia... *(repeated)*

Sing praise, sing praise to our God.

About the Anthem::

Dr. Eugene Butler was a world-renowned composer of choral music with over a thousand published works. A native of Durant, Oklahoma, he received his education at Oklahoma University (B.M.E.), Union Theological Seminary (M.S.M.), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition). Throughout most of his career, Dr. Butler was the Director of Choral Activities and Music Theory at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. He was simultaneously Director of Music and the Arts at Valley View United Methodist Church for twenty-eight years. For twenty years, he also directed the local community choir, Johnson County Chorus. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In 1998, having received many commissions for new works, Dr. Butler retired from all other employment to pursue composition full time.

Perhaps the most shining accomplishment of Eugene Butler's life was his undying passion for serving others and sharing his gifts. While he could have had a storied career at any major research university, he served his community tirelessly. Even after his full retirement, he sang in his church's choir in Mission, Kansas until near the time of his death at age 89 earlier this year. Dr. Butler was exceedingly generous with his time and talents, an example each of us may strive to follow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to You our ingratitude. We have not been truly thankful to You for the blessings You have given us before and after salvation. Instead, we have given ourselves credit for many of the blessings that come from Your hand. We confess that we've allowed our love for You to grow cold. We have lost our passionate first love for You.

We confess our neglect of Your Word, the Bible. We spend more time reading blogs, online news, the latest bestselling novel, business periodicals, or even owner's manuals for our newest tech toys than we do reading Your Word.

We confess our unbelief. In reality, we think Your promises are for others or for another day. We don't think they actually work for us now. And thus we call You a liar.

We confess our prayerlessness. We ask others to pray for us, but we don't pray for ourselves. We daydream, fantasize, and indulge in wishful thinking and call it "prayer." Then we blame You when You don't answer.

Holy Lord, with tears on our faces and shame in our hearts, we sincerely, courageously rend our hearts. We repent of our sin. Not only do we name it for what it is in Your sight, but we also turn away from it. We claim Your promise of forgiveness of sin through Your blood. We claim Your promise that if we confess our sins, You will be faithful and just to forgive us and purify us.

We bow before You in humble gratitude. In Jesus's name, 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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

If our lives, our love, our gifts are not shared with others, the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow. So receive what we offer, Holy God, and bless them in the work of that kingdom which values people made in your image. May we be light bearers to a world that often lives in darkness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Kirkpatrick, arr. Berry

DOXOLOGY**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****ANTHEM***"A Joyous Psalm" (Psalm 138)*

Eugene Butler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 30:7-8, Psalm 141:1-2, Revelation 8:1-5

SERMON*"May Our Prayers Rise Like Incense"***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*"We Lift Our Voices"***GTG#710****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***"Postlude"*

H. Purcell

BENEDICTION