



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 5, 2024** **11 o'clock**

PRELUDE

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

VISION

Nourished by God’s Word and Sacraments,

**All: Connecting lives to Christ**

INTROIT

*“Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Rhodes

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**Sing of God’s great faithfulness and steadfast love to all.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises!

**Rejoice in the presence of God, who reigns with equity and justice.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Loving God, we give you our praise, for you sent your only Son to lay down his life for the world. Teach us to love one another as Christ has first loved us. Draw us closer to Christ in love, not as servants, but as friends. Help us to keep his commandments, that our joy may be complete and we may abide in your love forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #321

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

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.

**Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy and reaches out only to those who are like us; that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy.**

**Bulletin Key:** *Italics - Music*

**Bold - The congregation reads aloud**  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Bold Italics - The congregation sings**

Silent Prayer

Have mercy on us, O God. **Amen.**

KYRIE

(Hymn #576)

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Water is poured into the font.

Friends, the good news is this:

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love is from God and we are loved by God. God sent Christ into the world that we might know the fullness of that love, and in him we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

(Hymn #581)

*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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RESPONSE

(Hymn #284)

*Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98 (p. 741)

1 John 5:1-6 (p. 1485)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

SERMON

“The Victory of Faith”

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\*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 #438

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*“Blessed Assurance”*

\*DOXOLOGY

(Hymn #606)

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, we join our voices in singing:

(Hymn #552)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

...for great is the mystery of faith:

(Hymn #560)

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

...We join our voices in the prayer Christ taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PREPARING THE BREAD AND CUP

...The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION

We share in the Lord's table at 2 stations, receiving the bread and dipping it into the cup.

Please raise your hand if you wish to receive communion at your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*RESPONSE AFTER COMMUNION

Let us sing of our faith:

(Hymn #536)

*Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.*

*Alleluia, alleluia: God, the wonder of our days.*

\*HYMN #761

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING RESPONSE

*"Amen"*

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## Welcome

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, we're so glad you're here! We believe we are made stronger and better by all who gather with us in worship. Our vision for ministry is simple - that we are nurtured by God's Word and sacraments to connect lives to Christ. We strive to live into that vision through our worship, study, fellowship, and mission activities. If you have any questions about our church, please reach out to one of our elders (their names and phone numbers are printed in the bulletin) or our pastor. If you are in need of any kind of assistance, you may speak to the elder on call or the pastor. If you are looking for a church to call home, consider the fellowship and ministry we share together at First Presbyterian! Any of our elders or the pastor can give you more information. We'd love to find out more about you - please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We promise not to pester you, but if you'd like further contact, please note that on the card. Once again, welcome!

## Today's Announcements – May 5, 2024

**The beautiful flowers** placed in the sanctuary are in memory of Anne Charles Cole.

**Elder on Call:** Emma Crabtree is available for congregational needs this week.

**Mission Action for May:** Help Inc. is looking for the following items: canned foods, toiletries, and cleaning products. Please place all donations in the narthex. For more information contact Stu Bailey.

**Pennies for Hunger** will be received today, May 5.

**Grounds Workday:** May 11, 9:00am. We will be weeding, spreading mulch, trimming and pressure washing. Join us! Contact Martha Neal with any questions.

**The Mental Health First Aid** class will be June 15 from 9:00am-5:00pm. For more information contact Stokes Ann Hunt.

**Capital Campaign:** As you contribute to the Capital Campaign, please note on all checks and bank drafts “Capital Campaign” on the memo line so that our treasurers can be sure your donation is properly credited. For more information about the Capital Campaign, see Wes.

**Spiritual Formation:** Join us in the Session Room Sunday morning at 9:45 am. We will be studying the gospel of Luke. See Jim Murray for more information.

**Monday Morning Bible Study,** led by Tom Callicutt, meets every Monday at 10:00am. We are studying the book “Luke, Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws” by Adam Hamilton.

**Knitting/Crochet Group:** You're invited to join our knitting and crocheting group. We meet each Tuesday at 10:00am in the Boyd Room. No experience or supplies necessary! See Lynda Purcell for more details.

**Walkin' Wednesdays:** Health experts recommend walking 2.5 hours a week, or just over 20 minutes per day. Join Wes for a walk around the 1.7 mile Chinqua-Penn trail each Wednesday at 1:00pm. Come for fellowship and conversation, all while working to improve your health!

**The Year of the Bible:** We gather each week on Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Boyd room to unpack all that we've read and see how it might be applicable to our daily lives. Contact Wes for more information.

***This Week at First Presbyterian***

|                  |   |         |
|------------------|---|---------|
| Sunday, May 5    | Modern Worship (The Upper Room) .....           | 9:30am  |
|                  | Spiritual Formation (Session Room) .....        | 9:45am  |
|                  | Worship (Sanctuary).....                        | 11:00am |
|                  | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room).....             | 8:00pm  |
| Monday, May 6    | Monday Morning Bible Study (Session Room) ..... | 10:00am |
|                  | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room).....             | 8:00pm  |
| Tuesday, May 7   | Knitting Group (Boyd Room) .....                | 10:00am |
|                  | The Year of the Bible (Boyd Room) .....         | 6:00pm  |
|                  | Ten Tigers Martial Arts (Fellowship Hall).....  | 6:30pm  |
| Wednesday, May 8 | Walkin' Wednesday (Chinqua-Penn Trail) .....    | 1:00pm  |
|                  | Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room).....         | 7:00pm  |
| Thursday, May 9  | Session Meeting (Session Room).....             | 6:30pm  |
|                  | Ten Tigers Martial Arts (Fellowship Hall).....  | 6:30pm  |
|                  | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room).....             | 8:00pm  |
| Saturday, May 10 | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room).....             | 8:00pm  |
| Sunday, May 11   | Modern Worship (The Upper Room) .....           | 9:30am  |
|                  | Spiritual Formation (Session Room) .....        | 9:45am  |
|                  | Worship (Sanctuary).....                        | 11:00am |
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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3 – John Crutchfield | 9 – Payne McLeod    | 19 – Dave Lane       |
| 3 – David Harrill    | 9 – John Cresenzo   | 21 – Wes Harris      |
| 4 – Elizabeth Fulton | 10 – Dell Hooper    | 22 – William Harrell |
| 4 – Denice Whitley   | 10 – James Thompson | 28 – Susan Madison   |
| 9 – Fran Lewis       | 11 – Lauren Bailey  | 29 – Mike Wilson     |
|                      | 15 – Roy Fagan      |                      |

**SERVING IN MAY**

**Communion Servers**

Stu Bailey  
Cynthia Cresenzo  
Shirley McMichael

**Ushers**

Jared Bailey  
Stu Bailey  
Cynthia Cresenzo  
Shirley McMichael

**Greeters**

Shirley McMichael

**Nursery Attendants**

05/05 – Dell Hooper  
05/12 – Emma Crabtree  
05/19 – Liz Whittington  
05/26 - TBA

**LOCAL MISSION OFFERINGS**

|                     |          |              |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Pennies for Hunger: | APRIL    | Year-To-Date |
|                     | \$166.23 | \$611.44     |

*The Pennies for Hunger offering, collected on the first Sunday of each month, supports feeding ministries throughout central North Carolina, with 50% of our collection staying in Rockingham County and supporting the Reidsville Outreach Center. The other 50% is distributed by Salem Presbytery through grants to non-profit organizations that work to alleviate hunger in their communities.*

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| Habitat for Humanity: | APRIL    | Year-To-Date |
|                       | \$168.83 | \$698.90     |

*The Habitat offering, collected on the third Sunday of each month, supports the Greater Reidsville chapter of Habitat for Humanity in its mission to build and improve homes in the Reidsville area so that all may have access to safe and affordable housing.*

## SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Wes Pitts

### **Class of 2024**

Martha Neal  
*Grounds*

Dell Hooper  
*Fellowship*

Calvert Smith  
*Worship*

Jeri Wilson  
*Finance*

### **Class of 2025**

Dustin Crutchfield  
*Clerk*

Jane Harrill  
*Caregivers*

Shirley McMichael  
*Personnel*

Kelly Moore  
*Communication*

### **Class of 2026**

Jim Harrell  
*Montreat*

Stewart Bailey  
*Mission*

Emma Crabtree  
*Christian Education*

Billy Coleman  
*Property*

**Upcoming Session Meeting:** Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:30 pm

## CAREGIVERS TEAM

Jane Harrill – Chair

Class of 2024: Susie Cole, Jenny Farver, Denice Whitley

Class of 2025: Margo Lindsey, Susan McLeod, Peg Slaydon

Class of 2026: Anne Covington, Mary Fagan, Meredith Harris

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please be in prayer for the following:*

**Church members:** Lucy Byers, Gayle Briggs, Dale Fulton, Hudson Harris, family of Doug Jones, Peggy McInnis, Shirley Medley, Anne Rudd, Mark Shelton, Pat Smith, Claire Smothers  
**Family and friends of the congregation:** Martha Balsley, Steve Banks, George Barber, Sally Bason, Jim Barrow, Cindy Briggs, Brent Butler, Cecil Cowan, Jeff Crisp, Lena Davidson, Chad Davis, Leslie Deaton, Talea Dillard, Don Ella Drew, Larry Durham, Jeff Edwards, Gaye Evans, Frank Gaynor, Tammy Anne Hill, Suzanne Johnson, Robert Jones, Debby Lee & Tory Valentine, Alex Luft, Isaac Lyall, Jillian McInnis, Ryan McMichael, John & Terri Moore, Elizabeth Fulton Morrison, Sandy & Joe Nicastro, Mark Perkinson, Abigail Pitts, Curtis Pruitt, Jimmie Rayburn, Joey & Debbie Robbins, Si Rothrock, Michael Serra, Jay Smith, Emily Taylor, Rivers Upchurch, Hailey Vega, Bob Wheless, Bradley Young, Sr.

*If you have submitted names for our prayer list, and know of their recovery, please contact us with the good news!*