



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 12, 2024** **11 o'clock**

PRELUDE

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

VISION

Nourished by God’s Word and Sacraments,

**All: Connecting lives to Christ**

INTROIT

*“Blessed Jesus at Your Word”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Rhodes

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

**For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Lord of life, you fill all in all. We rejoice that in your son heaven has come to earth and earth is brought to heaven. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation to look forward in hope and around us in assurance, as Jesus leads all creation into your promised kingdom. Amen.**

\*HYMN #268

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

Jesus ascended into heaven along with the wounds of the cross and the dirt of the tomb. However wounded we may be, however sullied by the brokenness of this world, God welcomes you into God’s presence, wrapping you in compassionate arms and clothing you with the Spirit’s power. Let us, together, confess our sins.

**Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once that season comes to a close. You beckon to us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive**

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

**Bold - The congregation reads aloud**

**Bold Italics - The congregation sings**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides.**

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.

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.

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Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. Because of Christ we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, 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

Luke 24:44-53 (p. 1288)

Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 1423)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*"The Majesty and Glory of His Name"*

SERMON

"The Eyes of Your Heart"

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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 #451

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

## BLESSING OF SHAWLS AND LAP ROBES

God of all gifts, you have taught us to be compassionate as you are compassionate with us. And so we are eager to share your care with our neighbors in the gift of these hand knitted shawls and lap robes.

**Infuse these gifts with the warmth of your love.**

Fill every fiber with the promise of your presence.

**Make each color vibrant with your hope.**

Bless each hand who formed these shawls and lap robes, from the textile workers to the store clerks to the knitters and crocheters.

**Bless the creatures, the plants, the land, and the water that went into making the yarn.**

And bless each person who receives a shawl or lap robe. May the miracle of these simple gifts bring them joy, the knowledge they are wrapped in your care, and trust in your mercy.

## GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

\*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 #246

*"Christ Is Alive!"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING RESPONSE

*"You Shall Go Out with Joy"*

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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 12, 2024

**Elder on Call:** Billy Coleman 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.

**Habitat Offering** will be received May 19.

**Fellowship Meal:** Join us for our monthly fellowship meal on May 19 following the morning worship. Please bring your favorite entree, side, or dessert to share for our potluck luncheon. For more information contact Dell Hooper.

**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 book of Isaiah. 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 12	Spiritual Formation (Session Room) .....	9:45am
	Worship (Sanctuary).....	11:00am
	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room).....	8:00pm
Monday, May 13	Monday Morning Bible Study (Session Room) .....	10:00am
	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room) .....	8:00pm
Tuesday, May 14	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 15	Walkin' Wednesday (Chinqua-Penn Trail) .....	1:00pm
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room).....	7:00pm
Thursday, May 16	Ten Tigers Martial Arts (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room) .....	8:00pm
Saturday, May 18	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room) .....	8:00pm
Sunday, May 19	Spiritual Formation (Session Room) .....	9:45am
	Worship (Sanctuary).....	11:00am
	Fellowship Lunch (Fellowship Hall).....	12:00pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room) .....	8:00pm

**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:	MAY	Year-To-Date
	\$75.00	\$686.44

*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.*

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, June 13, 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, 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!*