

# First Presbyterian Church

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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Wendell P. Loveless

“Every Day With Jesus”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Aliene G. Vale

“The Joy of the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We are here to worship Jesus Christ.  
People: *We gather as a family of faith.*  
Leader: The Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in faith.  
People: *The Holy Spirit gives us hope beyond our imagination.*  
Leader: We are ready to listen to God's Word.  
People: *We are ready to sing praises to our Lord and Savior.*  
Unison: *God is ruler over all the earth. We seek to experience God's rule surrounded with Jesus' love for all humanity.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN OF ADORATION # 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*O God, it is getting harder and harder to wait for anything. We want instant answers and immediate gratification. We don't see the value in waiting. You are patient with us, and we should respond accordingly. We forget the great wealth of Your gifts given including time. Instead of thanking You, we simply want more. Forgive our sinful ways, O God. Help us be more patient. Help us live with love and gratitude. Forgive our arrogance and help us to know You. Amen.*

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 321

“The Church's One Foundation”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*...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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 47, Page 518

ANTHEM

Ron & Carol Harris

“In This Very Room”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23, Page 192

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Rick Martindale

“Jesus Lifts Us Up”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn Book, Page 35

“The Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

William Gaither

“Come, Holy Spirit”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

Shaw / Minor

“Bringing In the Sheaves”

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of May 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**

Today: Happy Mother’s Day  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:10 p.m. Hand Chime Practice  
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion / PW Birthday Offering  
12:10 p.m. Hand Chime Practice  
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

## **Announcements**

The Presbyterian Women Annual Birthday Offering will be collected next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Two organizations will receive donations in 2024: Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills in Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Come join us for our Bible study on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. We are using the Chosen Series. This is ideal especially for visual learners.

Camp Monroe will have an open house and dinner meal on May 19<sup>th</sup>. See the church newsletter for details.

Graduation Sunday will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a covered-dish luncheon as we celebrate with Abby Phillips and Joey Tortora and families.

Summer schedule begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with worship beginning at 10 a.m.

The Men's Group is collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. All donations may be left in the Family Life Center. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations are accepted. Thank you for your support.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her mother, Clara Wallace, by Pat Jackson.