

# First Presbyterian Church

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May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

Day of Pentecost

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

Daniel Iverson

“Spirit of the Living God”

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Psalm 104)

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: *May the LORD rejoice in his works.*

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.

People: *I will sing praises to my God while I have being.*

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

People: *For I rejoice in the LORD.*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

People: *Let us worship our God forever.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 612

“We Praise You, O God”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace. We do not share the good news of your love. We do not live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Holy Spirit. Fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

## 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.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 11: 24-30, page 129

ANTHEM

James K. Manley

“Spirit of Gentleness”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21, page 119

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Dr. Edna Ann Loftus

“What Are We Celebrating”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

R. Vaughan Williams

“Voluntary on *Down Ampney*”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus

Monday: **No School – Memorial Day**

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday: **Distribute April Church Mouse / Newsletter**  
5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday:           8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
                  10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard  
                  11:10 a.m. Senior Sunday Covered Dish Meal

### **Announcements**

Please take a moment and welcome back Dr. Edna Ann Loftus.

There will be a Senior Sunday covered dish meal on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. These Seniors, Virginia (Ginny) Buie, Alex Thomason, Albrey Tortora, Caroline Oakley, will be honored for their hard work and high school achievement for 2026. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of a whole new world for our Seniors.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins at the entrance for the front office. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The flowers in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Carol & Paul White.