

# First Presbyterian Church

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May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

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

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

by Jean-Joseph Mouret

"Rondeau"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Carter

INTROIT

by Cyril Arlington

“Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Leader: Let us come to the Lord, our living Stone.  
People: *The Stone rejected by many is precious in our sight.*  
Leader: May we learn and gather strength from one another to create God’s temple.  
People: *We have become something much greater than ourselves through Jesus Christ.*  
Unison: *God has pulled us out of the darkness and into God’s light.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN OF ADORATION # 625

“O Lord My God”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*O God, You are our foundation. Jesus Christ is our cornerstone. The Holy Spirit builds Your Church into something much grander than anything we could construct. We are often, however, falling short. We try our best to follow Your ways and yet, we stumble. We try to be faithful but our faith is far from what it should be.*

*Forgive the many times we reject You and Your ways, O God. We joyfully reap the benefits of Your mercy each and every day. 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 # 361

“O Christ, the Great 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

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16, Page 505

ANTHEM

by David J. Evans

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rick Martindale

“The Gift that Keeps on Giving”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn Book Page 35

“The Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

by Frances Rous

“Meditation on Psalm 23”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

*Loving God, we commit ourselves to You as we dedicate these gifts to Your use. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life and this community of faith, Your church, we are filled with awe. Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives. May Your face shine on us and on this offering so Your love might be proclaimed throughout the world. Amen.*

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 326

“For All the Saints”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

by Patricia Lou Harris

"A Joyful Celebration"

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Today: 9:30 a.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship / 2 Cents a Meal
- 4:00 p.m. Sunday Funday – Ages 4-6
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Grades 7-12
- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Sunday: Happy Mother’s Day
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Grades 7-12

## Announcements

The Spring Fling/Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be many sale items for all ages. Donations accepted and needed. Please contact Nancy Carter if you have any items to donate.

A family trip to “Aloha Safari Park” in Cameron is in the planning stages. Group rates are available for all who enter together. Currently the park offers a drive-through tour, followed by a walking tour. In an effort to accommodate all who are interested please notify JoAnn Wahala at [jwahala@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwahala@embarqmail.com). Weekday and/or weekend tours are offered.

We are accepting donations for button-down shirts. The donations are needed to make adult bibbs for local nursing homes. Please leave donations in the tub located in the foyer at the church office. If you have any questions, contact Gail Hardin..

Graduation Sunday/Pentecost and Luncheon will take place on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to our contemporary service on the first Sunday of the month and we will start our summer schedule of worshipping at 10 a.m.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Barbara Danley.