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Celebrating 175 Years



May 11th, 2025

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

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

George Frederick Händel

“Danke sei dir, Herr”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Gerhard Tersteegen

“God Himself is with Us”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
People: *who, like a parent, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,*
Leader: teaches us the way we should go and comforts us in times of need.
People: *Praise God.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 39

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear; and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we cannot be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 # 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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

Exodus 2:1-10, page 49

ANTHEM

Marty Haugen

“Here in this Place”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:36-43, page 128

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

SERMON

Nancy Wazenegger

“A Community of Mothers”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Katharina von Schlegel

“Be Still, My Soul”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Christopher Walker

“Celtic Alleluia”

POSTLUDE

Jean-Joseph Mouret

“Rondeau”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of May 11th - May 18th

Today: **Happy Mother’s Day**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship / Communion / PW Birthday Offering

12:15 p.m. Handbell Practice

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome Nancy Wazenegger. She is a school nurse in Lee County and in 2016, she obtained a Masters in Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary. In her free time, she enjoys watching her son’s numerous sporting events and traveling to new places.

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering will be collected on May 18th. The recipients this year are United States organizations. Leland Presbyterian Church in Leland Miss. to build a housing facility at the church and to Red Cloud Renewable in Pine Ridge, S. D. to build Dome homes for persons needing housing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sunday School's last date for our children and youth is May 18th.

We begin our 10 a.m. summer worship schedule (June, July, and August) starting June 1st.

Contact Paul White if you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who provide flowers throughout the year!

We have numerous "ministry baskets" in the Family Life Center. For the month of May, we are collecting nonperishable foods and plastic grocery bags for Robbins Food Bank.

If you are interested in being a lay reader during worship, contact Paul White. You will read the Old or New Testament lesson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our mothers, by Dell & JoAnn Wahala.