

Morning Worship Service

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this sermon is to celebrate the inclusivity of the Church of Jesus our Christ.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter

INTROIT *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Arr. Dorothy Ann Thrupp

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of Your Spirit.

People: Open our eyes to the wonders of Your creation.

Leader: Open our minds to the glory of Your truth in Christ.

People: Open our hearts to the people who are possibilities for the compassion of Christ.

Leader: Inspire us, O God, to participate in the unfolding wonder of Your will revealed in the ministry of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Amen.

People: Amen! Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, sustainer God with joy-filled hearts.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 461 *God is Here!*

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Living Lord, You meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of Your love. Feed us by Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit so that we may follow You this day, and always; through Jesus the Christ, Your Son, our Savior whose own prayer we boldly pray together...

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace. Please join me as we confess our sins to Almighty God. Let us pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with Your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure – spilling out and running over. Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. Amen.

*RESPONSE – No. 579

“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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

arr. James Curnow

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 21:1-14](#)

SERMON

LET’S GO FISHIN’

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*PROFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostle’s 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 OF AFFIRMATION NO. 439 *In Christ There is No East or West*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O God, Thou Faithful God

Max Reger

*DOXOLOGY – No. 592

*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

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

*BENEDICTION

*Congregation standing as able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

As a courtesy to those around you, kindly turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Nursery Care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "**Wee Kirk.**" This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Betty and John Castles by Marion Linde.

Ritual of Friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00-Lori Dickerson; 11:00-Debra Robison

Greeters: 9:00-Sarah Helen Beckham, Lucy & Bill Hilbun, Virginia Toliver
11:00-Kristi Hillhouse, Lucia Randle, Holly & Chris Rogers

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for a Picnic & Pie Social at 5:30 P.M. in Stuart Garden on Wednesday, May 4. Hamburgers, Hotdogs and all trimmings will be provided. Please bring your favorite pie to share. Following supper, the Faithbuilders group will present its closing program.

It's time to sign up for VBS 2022! Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, June 3, 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Ages 3 year old- 5th grade invited! Registration deadline for church members and our regular visitors is May 21. See today's insert for signup information or call the church office, 662-842-5681.

Did you know? The most overdue library book in history was 288 years late! Don't let this be you! Please check your shelves for First Presbyterian Library books and return them. No fines and no questions asked!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
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4:00 P.M. Young Adults supper & corn hole tournament, Gibens residence, 2529 Summertree, Belden
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, MAY 2

6:45 P.M. Circle 3, home of Baleigh Hull, 513 Robins Street
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MAY 3

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, Library
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Picnic & Pie Social, Stuart Garden
6:00 P.M. Faithbuilders closing program
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn

FRIDAY, MAY 6

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Sam Pace, Julie Seiler, Mike Thomas

Homebound: Annette Thornton, Bob Batte, Mike Black

College Students: Carli Hillhouse, Emma Kantack, Bennett Mark

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Hewitt, who died April 25. Services were held Thursday at First Presbyterian Church.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$16,837 Amount Received 4/24/22: \$6,014
YTD Budgeted Income: \$306,265 YTD Income Received: \$441,924

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 53 11:00 A.M.: 91

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson
Anne Marie Littrell
Pete McMurry
Mary Pace
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Toliver
David Williams

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr.
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz, Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers
Mike Thomas

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director
Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician
Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Nannette Comer, Church Librarian
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian
Helen Curtis, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Debbie Merritt, Receptionist
Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent
Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus



YOUNG ADULTS! **BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS!**

A time for food, friends, and fun

GRILL & CHILL

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 1
4-7 P.M.

Young Folks (20s/30s)
vs.
Old Folks (40s/50s)

Julie & Leighton Gibens' Residence
2529 Summertree, Belden

RSVP TO ANNE MARIE LITRELL 662-415-4664



Baccalaureate Sunday
May 8
Both Worship Services

Graduating Seniors
Magalie Martin
Lindley Gibens
Ashton Posey



Picnic & Pie Social

Cherub & Elementary Choirs
Closing Program

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

5:30 p.m. | Stuart Garden

Hamburgers & hot dogs & trimmings provided.

Please bring your favorite pie to share.

SIGN UP TIME!

PASSPORT to PEACE

It's time to sign up for FPC VBS 2022,

PASSPORT TO PEACE!

Held June 1-3, 2022 from 9 am to 12 pm.

Snacks will be included daily
as well as lunch at the Luau on Friday!

See the Eventbrite registration to register
for children ages 3 through 5th grade.

Church members and regular visitors
registration starts now and our friends
can register starting May 1.

Deadline to register is May 21.

Please contact Roxie Clayton (662) 231-9537 or
Sally Kate Collins (662) 871-3761 with questions
or if you are interested in volunteering!