



# First Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Worship Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10-10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

# Gathered as God's People

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.*

Prelude

Prayer in E-flat

Thomas Loud

\*Call to Worship Psalm 25

One: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**Many: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.**

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**Many: Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love.**

One: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**Many: Together, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

\*Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Dale (8:15)  
Lee Maddox (10:30)

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 16

OT pgs. 495-496

## Call to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have shattered the power of sin and death, but we confess that we do not always believe in this hope, and remain captive to doubt and fear, failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our dread of loss, our despair, and our anxiety about the future. Set us free with the joy of Christ, who was dead but now lives, that we too might find new life in the service of his kingdom. Through our risen Savior we pray.** (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria 581

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.***

\*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Many: And also with you.**

Children's Conversation (10:30)

*(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)*

## Proclaiming God's Word

Anthem (10:30)

Lord and Savior, True and Kind

J. S. Bach

*Lord and Savior, true and kind, Father, hear us. Be the master of my mind; Father, hear us. Bless, and guide, and strengthen still, striving, thinking, learning still, Father, hear us. Let me follow thus Thy will, Father, hear us. Till my whole glad nature be, Lord and Savior hear us.*

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

Jonah 2

OT p. 860

Sermon

Jonah: Praying to God

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' 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.**

Offertory Sarabande from French Suite no. 3. J. S. Bach

\*Doxology 607 OLD 100TH

*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

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.**

\*Hymn 805 Come Sing to God ELLACOMBE

\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn 748 (10:30) Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude Fugue in D Major William Selby

\*Please stand as able

Acolytes: Crozier Jones and Maddux Campbell

## Music Notes:

*This morning's voluntaries (prelude and postlude) are by rarely-heard 18<sup>th</sup>-century American composers.*

*Prayer in E-flat by Thomas Loud ©1975 McAfee Music*

*Lord and Savior, True and Kind by J.S. Bach ©1959 Harold Flammer*

*Sarabande from French Suite no. 3 by J. S. Bach ©1945 Edwin Kalmus*

*Fugue in D Major by William Selby ©1975 McAfee Music*

## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30-6:00** Dinner for all - Meatloaf, baby lima beans, squash casserole, slaw  
If you plan to eat dinner, please fill out the yellow reservation card,  
email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com or call the church office by  
noon on Tuesday.
- 6:00-7:00** Adult Bible Study, FPC Chorister Rehearsal (grades K-5) and activities  
for children.  
6th-12th Grade meet in the youth room
- 7:00** FPC Choir

## Prayer List

Paul Ludwig, Will Dale, Betty Sloan, McKenzie Baxter, Sam Duncan, Sally Ewald, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

## APRIL BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Harvest Share is a local benevolence that helps meet the needs of the homeless as well as families with children and older citizens who struggle to make ends meet. Our church is holding a special offering and food drive during the month of April. Food donations may be brought to the gathering space. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church; specify Harvest Share on the memo line. The main needs are canned vegetables, fruit, tuna and salmon, Vienna sausages, ramen noodles, oatmeal, and white bread. The homeless appreciate pop top cans. Thank you for supporting this ministry in Columbia.

# Announcements

**Hearing Devices** -The church offers hearing devices to use during the worship service. They are located on the table in the Narthex. See an usher if you need assistance.

**Men's Fellowship Cookout** - Join us today at 5:00 pm at Antrim for a men's fellowship and cookout. Donations will be taken to cover the cost. BYOB.

**JOY, just older youth,** is planning a trip to Leiper's Fork on Tuesday, May 14th. We will have brunch at the famous Country Cowboy at 11:00 and explore the unique shops and art galleries afterwards. Please make reservations early if you want a seat on the bus by calling the church office at (931) 388-1985.

**First Things First Sundays** – As our church family looks toward the future and begins to imagine what God might want to do in and through us in years to come, it is only fitting that we gather as a community of faith for time devoted to prayer. This will be an informal gathering with the hope (but not the expectation) that folks will offer prayer aloud for one another and our church. Childcare will be provided and all are encouraged to attend. The first gathering will take place on May 5th at the home of Megan and John Hill at 4pm. If you can't join us this time around, mark your calendar for the first Sunday of June 2, and plan to come then. Reach out to Sarah for more information [sarah@1stprescolumbia.org](mailto:sarah@1stprescolumbia.org).

**Mark your calendars** for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our annual NaCoMe Sunday. We'll gather for worship in the outdoor chapel at Camp NaCoMe. There will be no worship service at FPC that Sunday.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 17-20, VBS registration is up and running, you may register on our website, [www.1stprescolumbia.org](http://www.1stprescolumbia.org). Spaces are limited!



## Sunday School Schedule

9:10-10:10

**Pre-K - 5th grade** - meets upstairs for Workshop Rotation

**Middle School and High School Classes** (6th - 12th) - meets in the Youth Room Upstairs.

**Fellowship Class** - Adults of all ages are invited to meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying topics from The Wired Word.

**Chapel Class** - We begin each class with the PCUSA Lectionary scripture and then dig in with discussion facilitated by Greg Martin. Adults of all ages welcome!

### Ministers of the Church

#### Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton	Jeff Baxter
Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher	Matt Campbell
Ed Lancaster	John Hill	Dwight Fox
Craig Lorch	Amy Overton	Tonjia Potts
Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite	Teresa Smith

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