



## First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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.*

Minute for Mission

Ryan Gibbens, NaCoMe

Prelude

Jesu, Hope of All Despairing

melody anonymous; harm. J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 36: 5-9)

One: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

**Many: Your righteousness towers like the mountains,  
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

One: All find protection under the shadow of your wings.  
We feast on the abundance you provide.

**Many: You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me.

**Many: Let us exalt God's name together!**

\*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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\*Prayer of Adoration

Ed Lancaster (8:15)

Leigh Jones (10:30)

First Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

NT pgs. 78-79

## Call to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (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)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Sacred Harp melody, arr. Lovelace

*I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, Hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. He lives to bless you with his love; he lives to plead my cause above. He lives to crush the fiends of hell. He lives and doth within me dwell. He lives, all glory to his name; he lives, my Jesus, still the same. I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives. Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, Hallelujah!*

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:7-17

OT pgs. 859-860

Sermon

Jonah: Running from God

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

\*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.**



## Music Notes:

*Jesu, Hope of All Despairing: melody anonymous; harmonization by J. S. Bach*

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*I Know That My Redeemer Lives: melody from the Sacred Harp; setting by Austin Lovelace*

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*O Love of Whom is Truth and Light by Finn Viderö ©1954 Oxford University Press*

*Gavotte by G. F. Handel ©1984 Augsburg Fortress*

## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30-6:00** Dinner for all - chicken spaghetti, green salad  
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** Adults -Presentation by Chaplain Baker from Restoration Jail Ministries  
Grades K-5 FPC Chorister Rehearsal and activities for children  
Grades 6-12 meet in the youth room
- 7:00** FPC Choir Rehearsal

## 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.

**Usher Training TODAY** - If you are currently serving as an usher or are interested in learning more about this ministry, please join us in the sanctuary at 9:15am to review responsibilities and instructions.

**Special Guest Speaker** - on Wonderful Wednesday, April 24th, at 6pm Chaplain David Curtis Baker from one of our ministry partners, Restoration Jail Ministries, will be sharing about the work God is doing at Maury County Jail. Sign up if you plan to join us for dinner at 5:30pm.

**Church Spring Clean Up Day** - Saturday, April 27 from 9 to 12 we are asking for volunteers to lend a hand! Whether you can spare an hour or three, your contribution is appreciated. Donuts and coffee will be served at 8:30. Lunch will be served in the chapel at noon. Childcare provided upon request. Sign up in the gathering area.

**Men's Fellowship Cookout** - Join us on Sunday, April 28 at 5:00 pm at Antrim for a men's fellowship and cookout. Donations will be taken to cover the cost. BYOB. If you plan to attend, please call the church office by April 22.

**People's Table** - We need servers and volunteers to set-up and clean up on Friday, April 26th. Call the church office at 931-388-1985 if you can help in any way.

**First Things First Sundays** – Join us on the first Sunday of every month as we gather to pray with and for one another, our church, our community and our world. May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the home of Megan and John Hill. Reach out to Sarah for more information [sarah@1stprescolumbia.org](mailto:sarah@1stprescolumbia.org).

**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 Class** (6th - 8th) - meets in the Confirmation Room upstairs

**High School Class** (9th - 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 the Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, Immersion Bible Studies by Stan Purdum.

**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

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Ed Lancaster	John Hill	Dwight Fox
Craig Lorch	Amy Overton	Tonjia Potts
Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite	Teresa Smith

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