



## First Presbyterian Church

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 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                      Variations on the hymn tune "Holy Manna"                      Hustad

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 47:5-8)

One: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**Many: The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**Many: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

One: For God is the King of all the earth;

**Many: Sing to him a psalm of praise.**

One: God reigns over the nations;

**Many: God is seated on his holy throne.**

\*Hymn 265                      Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun                      DUKE STREET

\*Prayer of Adoration                      Jack Baxter (8:15)  
Jim Ross (10:30)

First Scripture Reading                      Luke 15:25-32                      NT p. 79

## Call to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer, or obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you, or heeded your tears shed for the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service and make us joyfully obedient to your will. In your name 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)                      Give Unto the Humble                      Luigi Cherubini  
*Give unto the humble peace and rest for evermore, and let perpetual light shine on Thy people, that the righteous may be had in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings.*

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading                      Jonah 4                      OT p. 861

Sermon                      Jonah: Learning about God                      Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 444                      Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive                      AMAZING GRACE  
(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

\*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.**

Introduction of New Members (10:30)

Anthony Downing	Melissa Downing
Bryant Downing	Dylan Helminger
Karen Hoye	Walker Hoye

Offertory

Communion

Walther

\*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

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Air from Overture in D

Bach

Prayer

\*Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

\*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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Hustad

\*Please stand as able

Acolytes: Oaklee Odom

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of our mothers, Betty Ann Rampley Sloan and Kathy Rodriguez, by James and Jenny Sloan.

Music Notes:

*Organist and Choir Director: Wilmoth Foreman*

*Give Unto the Humble (from Requiem) by Luigi Cherubini ©1964 G. Schirmer*

### 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).

### MAY BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

**Pregnancy Centers of Middle Tennessee** is a Christian-based ministry that advocates the sanctity of human life. PCoMT provides support and practical assistance for women and men during and after pregnancy. All services provided are free. They strive to empower mothers and fathers experiencing planned and unplanned pregnancies with healthy options through medical services, education, mentoring, and spiritual guidance.

Wondering how to get involved?

FPC is excited to kick off the **Baby Bottle Drive** for the month of May! Please pick up a baby bottle to fill with coins/cash/ checks (made out to PCoMT), and return at the end of the month! All funds go towards mentorship, classes, ultrasounds, resources used at PCoMT.

Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN hosts a self-guided **prayer walk** at their Columbia location (704 Dunnington St) the last Monday of every month (\*May's adjusted due to holiday to May 20, 2024) from 10:00am-11:30am.

They also provide a **Mom Shop** at the center. Current needs are: mom toiletries, travel size baby toiletries, baby toiletries, size 4, 5 and 6 diapers, and baby wipes. Please feel free to reach out to Marianne Harrell ( [marianneharrell24@gmail.com](mailto:marianneharrell24@gmail.com) ) for additional ways to volunteer or give.

# 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.

**Summer Worship Service** - Starting May 26, Sunday School will be held from 9:30 to 10:10 followed by one worship service at 10:30.

**J.O.Y. Fellowship (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. **The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am.**

**Special FINAL Wonderful Wednesday** - From the bustling streets of NYC to the halls of FPC, we're thrilled to welcome special guests Barney & Carney La Rue who will bring a unique twist to the classic game show, Family Feud! Join us for our last Wonderful Wednesday, May 15 for a friendly faceoff, where the answers are as enlightening as they are entertaining. Let's see who can 'presby-win' the day.

**Mark your calendars** for Sunday, June 2, our annual NaCoMe Sunday. We'll gather for worship at 10:30 in the outdoor chapel at Camp NaCoMe, 3232 Sulpher Creek Rd, Pleasantville, TN 37033. Please fill out a sign up form found in the church pews, narthex or gathering space for lunch. Deadline for reservation is May 29th. 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.1stpescolumbia.org](http://www.1stpescolumbia.org). Spaces are limited!



## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30-6:00** Dinner for all - Burgers, bean salad, potato salad. Kids: Hot dogs  
If you plan to eat dinner, please fill out the yellow reservation card, email Renea at [rfosterfpc@gmail.com](mailto:rfosterfpc@gmail.com) or call the church office by noon on Tuesday.
- 6:00-7:00** FPC Chorister Rehearsal (grades K-5) and activities for children. 6th-12th Grade meet in the youth room
- 7:00** FPC Choir

## 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

<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

#### Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan	Frank Bellamy
Jessica Elam	Mary Marshall Jewell	Lee Brown
Bill Handy	Martha Kelley	Cindy Fox
Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry	Marianne Harrell
Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman	Andrew Hickman

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