



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
 Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Cindy Berry
 Welcome and Announcements
 Choral Call to Worship "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" Michael Praetorius
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship from Luke 24
 Peace be with you.
Peace be with you.
 Jesus stands among us.
The risen Lord is here.
 When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;
Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.
 Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response "Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name!"

Assurance of Pardon
 Passing of the Peace
 Anthem "God Be in My Head" John Rutter

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
 The Word of God Book of Acts: **Acts 3:12-19** (p. 113)
 Psalter: **Psalm 4** (p. 464)

Congregational Response: Ps. 4 Columba Kelly, OSB



New Testament: **1 John 3:1-7** (p. 225)
 Gospel: **Luke 24:36b-48** (p. 85)

Children's Message

Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon "Children at the Table" Reverend B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri, 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of the People
 Call for the Offering
 Offertory "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" arr. Cindy Berry
 +Doxology, 606
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.

Communion Hymn # 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN
 vs. 1, 3, 4

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread
 Communion of the People
 Communion Meditation
 Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Sending Hymn # 244 "This Joyful Eastertide" VRUECHTEN
 vs. 1 & 3

+Charge and Blessing
 +Postlude

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so
Please join in unison reading of the bold print

THE CHURCH AT WORK

Today
3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.
 Communion Worship
 Congregational Meeting
 following worship
 3:00 p.m.
 Presbyterian Women
 Gathering

Wednesday

12:30 p.m.
 Bible Study

Thursday

5:00 p.m.
 Building & Grounds Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.
 Session Meeting
 9:00 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.
 Worship

Helping Hands

Canned/Cups of Fruit
 Oatmeal or Grits Packets
 Flavored Rice or Pasta
ex: Knorr Sides

**We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Sister)
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Mother)
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones' Mother)
Health Concerns

Sherri Musgrove
(Friend of Anna Jones)
Breast Cancer

Genie Hutchison
Continued Recovery

Amy Sullivan
(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)
Health Concerns

Lyla Fulton (1Year Old)
(Holly Longton's Great Niece)
Cancer Diagnosis

Collene Albright & Family
Health Concerns

Roger Burlingame
Prayers of Thanksgiving!!!

Jean Duckett
(Angela Gardner's Grandmother)
Health Concerns

Bill Gavin
Health Concerns

Chris Geuder
(Son of Rod & Maridith Geuder)
Health Concerns

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Fran Brown -1	Collene Albright-3	Maridith Geuder-1
Dennis Harmon -1	Hope Devenney-4	Tori Pumphrey-4
Susan Smith -2	Taylor Richardson-2	Lezli Waits-4
Cathy Young -4	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Angela Gardner -2	Dorothy Fortman-1	Hope Oakes-3
Marthalie Porter -1	Hillary Richardson-3	Eric Waits-4
Emma Richardson-3	Anna Jones -4	

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Helping Hands Needs:

Canned or Cups of Fruit, Oatmeal or Grits Packets,
Flavored Rice or Pasta (ex. Knorr Sides)

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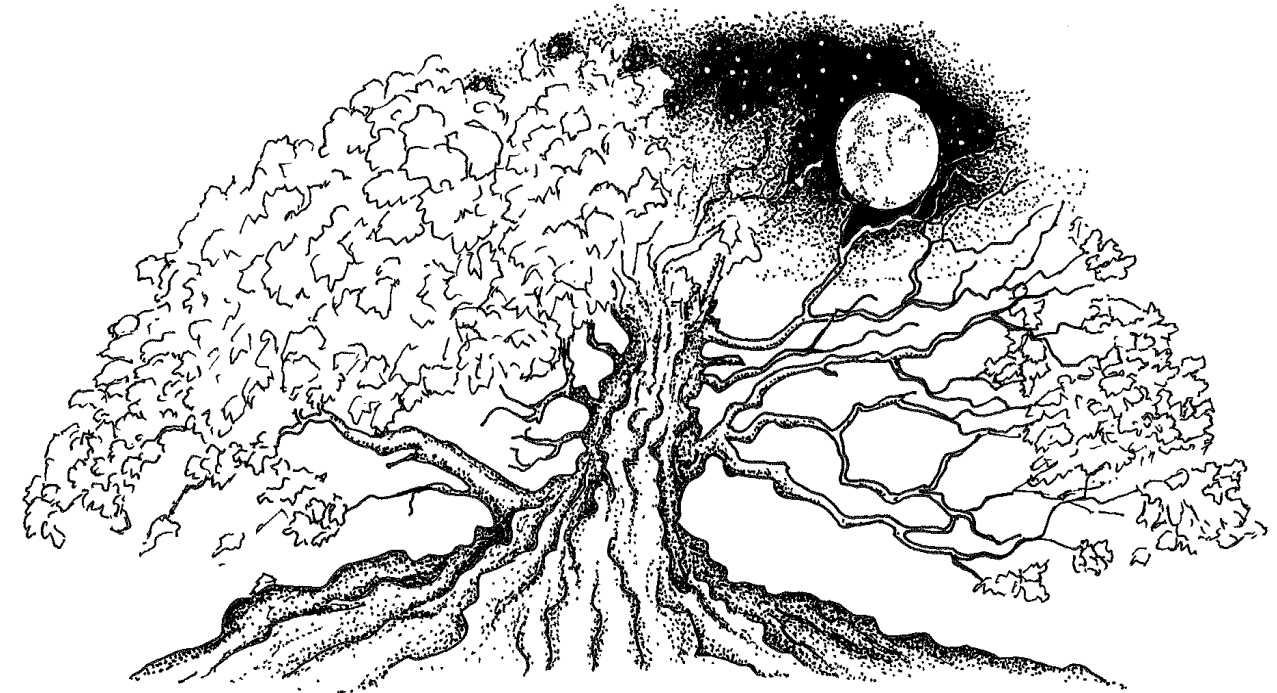
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Children at the Table”

Reverend B.J. Chain

April 14, 2024

