



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude

"He is Risen!"

Cecil Francis Alexander
arr. Marshall McDonald

Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal Hopson

Call to Worship from John 14
Peace be with you.
Peace be with you.
How can we know the way of God?
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 257

"The Risen Christ"

WOODLANDS

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 Forgiveness

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Richard Shepherd

THE WORD

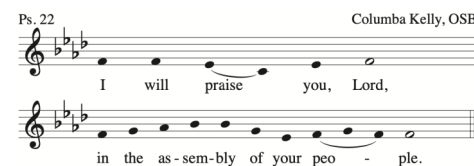
Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

First Reading: **Acts 8:26-40 (p. 119)**

Psalm: **Psalm 22:25-31 (p. 474)**

Congregational Response:



Second Reading: **1 John 4:7-21 (p. 226)**

Gospel: **John 15:1-8 (p. 103)**

Children's Message

Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon

"Pruned for Growth"

Reverend B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith from 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 living 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.

+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.

+Hymn of Praise # 250

OUR RESPONSE

"Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"To a Wild Rose"

Edward MacDowell

+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.

+Prayer of 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.

+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.

+Sending Hymn # 485

SENDING

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ENGELBERG

+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

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Fellowship Meal following
Worship (Shepherding
Group 2)

Care-o-ling

following Fellowship Meal

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday

5:30 p.m.

PCDP Art Gallery

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday

PCDP Transportation Fair

Next Sunday

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Helping Hands Needs

Canned or cups of fruit, boxed cereal,
flavored rice or pasta
(ex. Knorr Sides)

Hygiene Items: toothpaste,

toothbrushes, deodorant, soap,
shampoo, feminine products, laundry
detergent, or cleaning supplies.

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

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshippers (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 Prayers

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

Angela Gardner & Family

On the Loss of her Grandmother,

Imogene "Jean" Duckett

Bill Gavin

Health Concerns

Chris Geuder

(Son of Rod & Maridith Geuder)

Health Concerns

Darlene Walrod

Recovery from broken hip-surgery

*Prayer requests should be
communicated through the Church Office.*

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk

Class of 2024

Fran Brown -1

Dennis Harmon -1

Susan Smith -2

Cathy Young -4

Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2024

Angela Gardner -2

Marthalie Porter -1

Emma Richardson-3

Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

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FPC Fall 2023 Sunday School/Nursery Program

Nursery (Room 3-Education Building) : Birth to 5 years 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday School (Room 2-Education Building) : Ages 5 - 7 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (Youth Room Upstairs-Education Building) : Ages 8 - 10 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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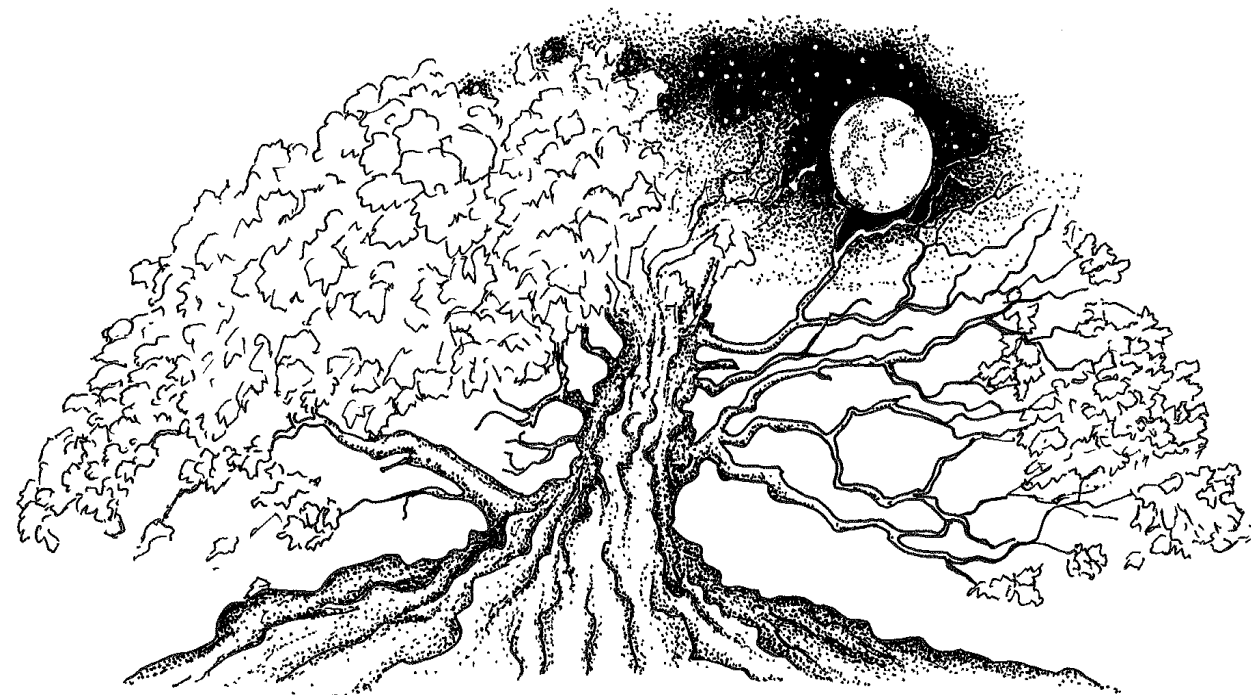
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

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Reverend B.J. Chain

April 28, 2024

