



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

And I will tell what God has done for me.

I cried aloud to God,

And he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

The Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

He has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer

Or removed his steadfast love from me.

+HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, why do we confess our sin even on the day of resurrection?

Because new life in the Risen Christ

compels new life from us.

But why do we do it together?

Because we are a community,

A covenant people of hope.

Let us pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we know in our hearts that Christ is risen, and yet our lives do not reveal this good news. We are filled with doubt and fear; we shy away from the hope of the resurrection. Forgive us for holding on to the things of the past and lead us into the new thing that you are doing through the risen Christ... (our silent prayers of confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Brothers and sisters, if for this life only

we have hoped in Christ,

we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For as all die in Adam,

so all will be made alive in Christ.

Let us all believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ, there is life eternal!

+GLORIA PATRI (581)

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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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

(11:00)

[3 year olds through 2nd graders are invited to come forward, place their offering in the plate and have prayer with the minister before leaving with their teachers for Children's Worship. Ages three through second grade will meet in room 208.]

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 17: 16-31

Pew Bible PP. 137-138

SERMON

Dan Lewis

“Religious?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN 494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

QUEBEC

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Parce Domine”

(11:00)

Feliks Nowowiejski

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo:
Ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

Spare, Lord, spare your people:
Be not angry with us forever.

Miserere nostrum, Deus,
secundum magnam misericordiam
tuam.

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your great mercy.

+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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Alla Breve in D"

J.F.K. Fischer



TODAY'S SERVICE

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today's bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org

The **flowers in the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in honor of Clara Tabler for her Birthday May 12 by her daughter, Melonie Orr and son, John Tabler.

Leading in Worship:

Dan Lewis, Pastor

Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor

Diane Giannola, Parish Associate

Nancy Novelty, Guest Organist

Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director

Chancel Choir

Weekly Updates

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Presbyterian worship service schedule is listed below:

- 8:45am Traditional Service in Kenan Memorial Chapel
- 9:00am Blended Service, Gilmour Hall
- 11:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers from 8:30am-12:30pm. For more information about our church life, ministries, and calendar of church activities, please visit the church website, www.firstonthird.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Sunday School: 10AM, meet outside the Cameron Center Worship and Wonder: 9AM and 11AM- Ages 3 (by Aug. 31) - Grade 2, Rm 208.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY - Sunday morning "Donuts and Discussion": 10AM, Youth Room upstairs in the Cameron Center.

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST - Join us for breakfast and fellowship Sunday mornings at 9:45AM, followed by discussion at 10:00AM! We will use Wired Word curriculum and discuss current events in relation to scripture passages.

A congregational meeting has been called for May 22, immediately after the 11AM worship service, for the purpose of voting for at-large members to represent the congregation on the 2023 Nominating Committee. Those names are: Seldie Hutchins, Jason Wheeler, Stephanie David, Murphy Averitt, Joe Jamison, Robert Waldkirch.

Service of Remembrance today, immediately following the 11 a.m. Worship Service in the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens. You are cordially invited to attend a short service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of all those interred and remembered in the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens. Peter McArthur, piper, will lead us from the sanctuary to the Columbarium, and the service will be led by Dr. Dan Lewis.



FPC Youth: We will have our final youth group this Sunday night! Join us at the Shuford's house (4 Water Street) this Sunday, May 15, from 5:30-7:00. We will hang on the beach and have pizza. Bring your suit, towel, beach game. Hope to see you there!



Calling all Top Dogs!

 Our end of year celebration will take place today, Sunday, May 15, at the park in Landfall. We will meet from 3:30-5:00 for some fellowship and fun!

Presbyterian Women Circle Time Dinner is this Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm in Gil-



mour Hall. Dinner will be provided by Chicken Salad Chick, and the cost is \$15. There will be a program following dinner. All women of the church are invited to attend this evening of fellowship and celebration.

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 22nd. Join us outside in the courtyard (weather permitting) after the 11am service to congratulate our seniors who will be recognized that day. If we have inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering place.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

The Lord is aware of all that happens and he knows what is in our hearts. When things don't go as planned, take time to reflect, redirect, and pray. Also consider asking for a SM who will listen confidentially and will provide Christian caring and support through your journey. Please contact the church, 762-6688 or Janice



Clark. 228-8584.

Blended Worship Gilmour Hall 9:00 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS, AND PEACE

+MUSIC

"Spirit of the Living God"

Vertical Worship

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SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Scripture Lesson: Acts 17: 16-31

Dan Lewis

SERMON

"Religious?"

OFFERING

+MUSIC

"Let it Rain"

Crowder

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Leading in Worship:

Dan Lewis, Pastor	Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor
Diane Giannola, Parish Associate	Phil Bevilacqua, Piano
Ella Boyer, Vocals	Doug Leess, Bass/Vocals
Jake Stephenson, Percussion	Clay Zava, Guitar/Vocals