

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 24, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 817 We Walk by Faith and not by Sight vs. 1 & 2 DUNLAP’S CREEK

God Calls Us Together

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 150

One: Christ is risen!  
All: Christ is risen indeed!  
One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!  
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!  
All: Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!  
Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!  
One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.  
All: Praise God with the harp, with cymbals and dancing!  
Let everything with life and breath praise God!

\*HYMN 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of empty tombs and emptier people:  
You send us, but we hedge and hesitate.  
We are witness to your grace and glory,  
yet allow others to silence our praise.  
We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame  
and fail to shine your light for all to see.  
Forgive our fear and our excuses.  
When we hesitate to speak of your hope,  
forgive us, and provide us a voice.  
When we struggle to love one another,  
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.  
When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,  
forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.  
Remind us of how much we need you, O God,  
and how you created us to be in community.  
Through the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE & BLESSING

Dear friends, Christ comes bringing healing light into our locked and shadowy places, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God’s own beloved people, let us go forth bringing peace and forgiveness to the world, assured of this wonderful Good News:  
All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others,  
using a smile or a wave.

\*RESPONSE 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.

God Speaks Through the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING John 20:19-31  
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

SHARING FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

ANTHEM 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

SECOND READING Acts 5:27-32

SERMON

God Enables Our Response

\*HYMN 286 Breath on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH CHURCH CREED

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS’ PRAYER page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM  
May our tithes and offerings  
be our songs of praise and thanksgiving  
in response to the God who loves us and frees us!

\*for portions marked with an asterisk,  
you’re invited to rise in body or spirit

God Sends Us Forth

\*HYMN 238 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*BLESSING HYMN 752 Dona Nobis Pacem x2 DONA NOBIS PACEM

POSTLUDE

Notice something different about your bulletin? This week’s bulletin is printed in a different font that is more accessible to people with disabilities. You may have noticed that some fonts and typefaces are easier to understand than others. An **accessible font** is a font that will not exclude, nor slow down the reading speed of any reader, including those with blindness, vision loss, and reading disorders.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 27 @ 5:30pm - Church Dinner
- Sunday, May 1 @ 11am - Worship
- Sunday, May 1 - Deadline to register for Tri-Presbytery High School Mission Trip
- Thursday, May 5 @ 4pm - Worship Committee Meeting

Visiting today? Welcome!  
Please tell us a little about yourself!  
You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form.  
We would love to contact you and get to know you better!



First Reading—John 20:19-31

19 It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

24Thomas, the one called Didymus,[a] one of the Twelve, wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. 25The other disciples told him, “We’ve seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won’t believe.”

26After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

28Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

29Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”

30Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. 31But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God’s Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Second Reading—Acts 5:27-32

27 The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: 28“In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.”

29Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! 30The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. 32We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Scripture verses taken from  
the Common English Bible



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Heather Larson-Kline; Becky Vigus’ grand-daughter-in-law; Terry Hatfield; Troy & Connie Jamieson & family, loss of Troy’s brother; Paul Henderson; Naomi Judy’s brother, David; Katy & David Evans; Ed Mick & family; Jon Burlew’s brother, Eddie; Barb & Gordon Germain’s daughter, Janet Piercy; Denise and family and Kris Waldman, Bill & Cindy Fountain’s daughters; Ed Cook; Steve Vaught; Angie Butler; Paula Burlew’s mom, Elaine; Jon Burlew; Sherry Woodall’s sister, Ardenia; Karen Dikeman; Jack Reynolds’ children; Leslie Phillips; JB Pitman’s mom, Ada; Becky Pitman’s sister, Rhonda Roark

Current Giving

|                     | Rec’d Wk<br>of 4/17/22 | Needed<br>Weekly | Received<br>YTD | Needed<br>YTD |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Pledged<br>Offering | \$2,011                | \$3,682          | \$53,697        | \$58,912      |
| Non-<br>Pledged     | \$9,048                | \$728            | \$17,521        | \$11,648      |

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member  
Liturgist.....Zach Vaught  
Ushers.....John & Lynn Cain  
Sound.....Sue Guffey  
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown  
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald  
Pastor.....Rev. Andrew Bowman

Elders:

|                |               |                   |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Class of 2022  | Class of 2023 | Class of 2024     |
| Forrest Brock  | Bill Fountain | Charlie Leveridge |
| Chris Phillips | Kimberly King | Zack Vaught       |
| Erin Stephens  | Perry Waller  | John Wright       |

Deacons:

|                |                  |               |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Brenda Wesley  | Cheri Gomez      | Marty Whitson |
| Carol Ann Wade | Nina Wilhelm     | Katie Jones   |
| Cathy Wright   | Susie Lackey     | George Joplin |
|                | Stephanie Ousley |               |

First Presbyterian Church

April 24th, 2022  
Second Sunday of Easter



Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn. Supper at Emmaus. 1654. Print. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57369>.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, as well as the personal boundaries and preferences of others, please ask before offering a hug or handshake.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil system for people with hearing difficulty.