

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 12, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbells: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

INTROIT 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (vrs.1) CANONBURY

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ps. 1:1-3

***HYMN 634** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION from Ps. 1:6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from John 17:15, 17

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

All: Glory to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD from John 17:13,17

FIRST READING PSALM 1
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM *For Where Love Is, There Is God* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

SECOND READING JOHN 17:6-19

SERMON "How to Become a Church" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 457** *How Happy Are the Saints of God* WAREHAM

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CHURCH CREED

We believe God's love sets us free as the church with a common heritage, bound together as one family, nourished by the gift of His Son.
We believe God's love sets us free from fear, judgment, and death.
We believe God's love sets us free with energy and strength for commitment.
We believe God's love sets us free, renewing our faith, hope, and trust.
We believe God's love sets us free to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.
We believe God's love sets us free!

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM from 1 John 5:10
God invites us to give the testimony of our hearts in practical offerings of money and time. Therefore let us testify to God's love by bringing our gifts.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** from John 17:6

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE

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 get to know you better!



This Week

Wed., May 15 @ 5:30pm - Earth Care Fair and Fellowship Meal
Wed., May 15 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice
Thur., May 16 @ 4:00pm - Deacon Meeting
Thur., May 16 @ 5:00pm - Session Meeting
Fri., May 17 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies
Sat., May 18 @ 2:00pm - Food Box giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright
Audio.....Pentecost Picnic!
Video.....Pentecost Picnic!
Coffee Plus.....Pentecost Picnic!

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

First Reading—Psalm 1

1 Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked
 or take the path that sinners tread
 or sit in the seat of scoffers,
 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
 3 They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
 which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
 In all that they do, they prosper.
 4 The wicked are not so
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
 6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading—John 17:6-19

6“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Nina Wilhelm; Ada and Brooks Pitman, JB’s parents; Rollin Bacon, Brenda Wesley’s uncle; Tommy Brence; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman’s mother; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of April	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$21,110	\$11,985	\$60,688	\$47,941
Non-Pledged	\$4,174	\$3,289	\$18,213	\$13,154

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Christie Adams
Next Week.....Marci Randall

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Brenda Wesley
Ushers.....Nancy Holland & Erin Stephens
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

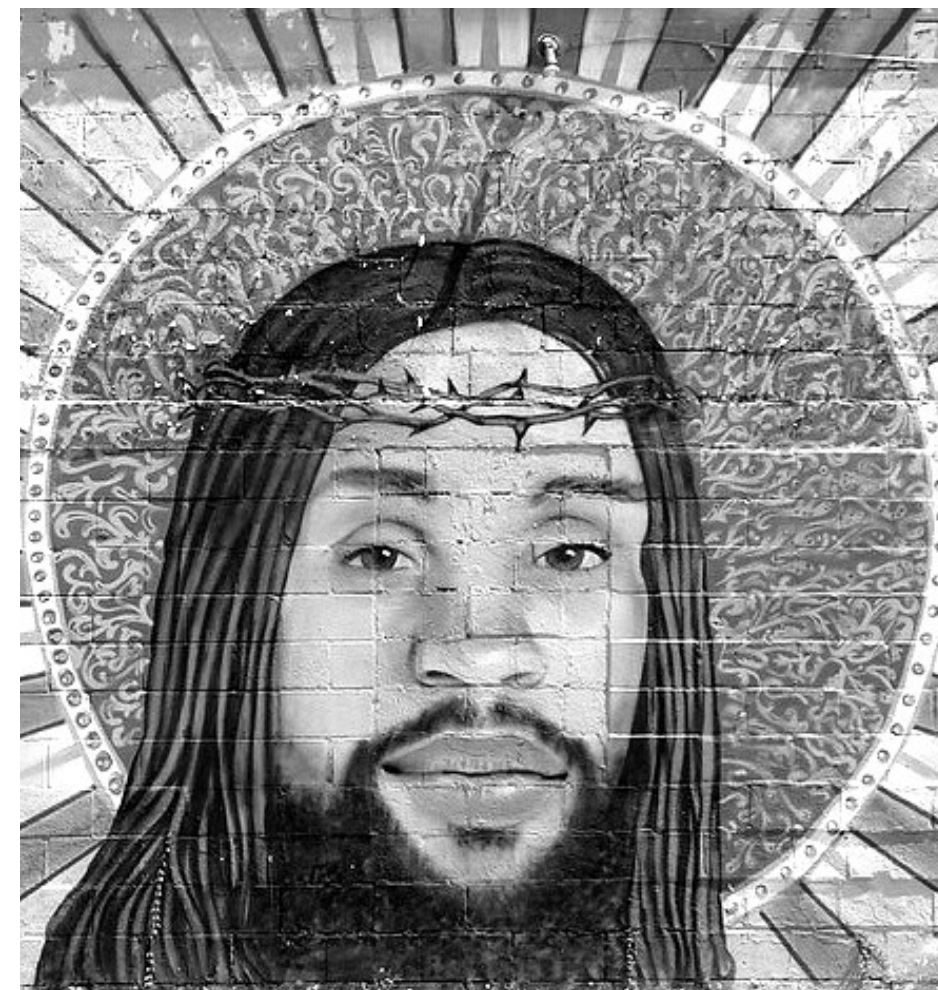
Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

First Presbyterian Church

May 12th, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Anonymous. Jesus the Holy Mural, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57613> [retrieved May 9, 2024]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/volvob12b/48740737607>.

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.



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With special guests:



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*Horticulturist with the Pulaski
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*Solid Waste coordinator for
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May 15th at 5pm

5:00pm - Potluck Dinner, Displays, & Door Prizes

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