

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 1, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* *THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS*

Gathering Around The World

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 30*

One: Sing praises to our Lord:

All: **who heals us and makes us whole.**

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

All: **whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;
give thanks to God's holy name:

All: **God's kingdom is near to us;
God's peace resides in our hearts.**

*HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of forgiveness,
we confess that our greed
and our lust for power
create enemies where we should find friends.
We fail to offer comfort and help
to those who are afraid
or beaten down by the burdens of life.
We are blind to the pain and destruction
of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Give us sight to see with your eyes,
that we may bring hope and peace to our world.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Psalm 30:11*

Rise up from the dust, people of God! Cast off the shroud of sorrow,
and sing praises to the Lord. Dear friends, the Lord is good to us,
bringing us hope and joy, made known to us through this wonderful
Good News:

All: **In 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.*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

*HYMN 370 *In This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

PSALM READING Psalm 30

ANTHEM 177 *I Will Come to You* YOU ARE MINE

HEBREW READING Isaiah 61:1-3

GOSPAL READING John 21:4-14

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR
DE HOMBRES
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NICENE CREED
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SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS' PRAYER (*sung*)

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM
*Let us show and share Christ's love
through the offering of our lives.*

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.*

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and
use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name
of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* PRAYER OF
ST. FRANCIS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION *from John 21:15-17; Revelation 5:13*

*BLESSING *Irish Blessing*

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 contact you and get to
know you better!



First Reading—Acts 9:1-6

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, ² seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"
⁵ Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"
"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. ⁶ "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

Psalm Reading—Psalm 30

30 I exalt you, LORD, because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.
² LORD, my God, I cried out to you for help,
and you healed me.
³ LORD, you brought me^[a] up from the grave,^[b]
brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit.
⁴ You who are faithful to the LORD,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name!
⁵ His anger lasts for only a second,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping may stay all night,
but by morning, joy!
⁶ When I was comfortable, I said,
"I will never stumble."

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Psalm Reading—Psalm 30 (Continued)

⁷ Because it pleased you, LORD,
 you made me a strong mountain.
 But then you hid your presence.
 I was terrified.
⁸ I cried out to you, LORD.
 I begged my Lord for mercy:
⁹ “What is to be gained by my spilled blood,
 by my going down into the pit?
 Does dust thank you?
 Does it proclaim your faithfulness?
¹⁰ LORD, listen and have mercy on me!
 LORD, be my helper!”
¹¹ You changed my mourning into dancing.
 You took off my funeral clothes
 and dressed me up in joy
¹² so that my whole being
 might sing praises to you and never stop.
 LORD, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Hebrew Bible Reading—Isaiah 61:1-3

61 The LORD God’s spirit is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and a day of vindication for our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ to provide for Zion’s mourners, to give them a crown in place of ashes, oil of joy in place of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of discouragement. They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, planted by the LORD to glorify himself.

Gospel Reading—John 21:4-14

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus.
⁵ Jesus called to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.”
⁶ He said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”
 So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren’t far from shore, only about one hundred yards.
⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.” ¹¹ Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn’t torn, even with so many fish. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*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 of 4/24/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$1,875	\$3,682	\$55,572	\$62,594
Non- Pledged	\$237	\$728	\$17,758	\$12,376

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught & Paula Burlew
Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright
Sound.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Michael Loiacono
Pastor.....Rev. Andrew Bowman

Elders:

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
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

May 1st, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter



Moloney, Helen. *Loaves and Fishes*. 1971. Stained Glass. Church of Saint Michael. Creeslough, Ireland. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55894>

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.