

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 15, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Gathering Around The World

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 148:11-13*

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for God alone is exalted;

All: **God's glory is above earth and heaven.**

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Creator God, we confess that we live in a world you did not intend for us. You crafted a beautiful earth full of life; we built a world focused on wealth and power, stripping your earth of its many resources. You created all things and called us good, yet we made walls and ways of dividing one another. You gave a limitless universe of mystery and wonder; we take from those who have little, to give to those who have more. You called us to rejoice and show love, but we restrict and judge and cause harm to others. We confess our failings, O God, putting our own selfish gain above others. Invite us back to your ways, reminding us of your intention that we care for the earth and for all of creation with the love You gave for us. Return us to your way of love and peace. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nothing in all creation can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are made in God's image, and are beloved of God. Christ gave up his life for each and every one of us, and in Christ we have new life. You are loved and restored and assured of this very 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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING *John 13:31-35*
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SECOND READING *Acts 9:36-43*

SERMON

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *APOSTLES' CREED*
page 35 in hymnal

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS ON THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, love, and life.

*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

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING *HYMN 205 Live in Charity x2* UBI CARITAS

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!



This Week

Today, May 15 @ 12:15pm - The Women of the Church Luncheon

Wed., May 18 @ 5:00pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting

Wed., May 18 @ 7:00pm - Deacons Meeting

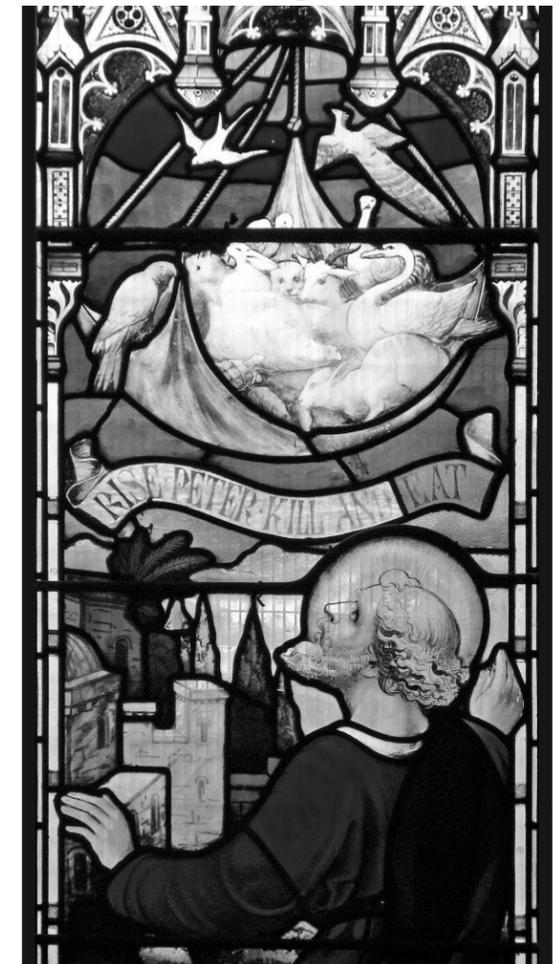
Thur., May 19 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jane Evans
Ushers.....George Joplin & Marty Whitson
Sound.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Suzanne Kidd

First Presbyterian Church

May 15th, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Peter's Vision. 19th Century. Stained glass. Church of Saint Peter. Nottingham, United Kingdom. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54209>.

First Reading—John 13:31-35

³¹ When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One ³² has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³³ If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One ³⁴ in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³⁵ Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

³⁴ “I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

Second Reading—Acts 11:1-18

¹ The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God’s word. ² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. ³ They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!”

⁴ Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. ⁶ As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. ⁷ I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ ⁸ I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. ¹¹ At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. ¹³ He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. ¹⁴ He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ ¹⁵ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. ¹⁶ I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

Scripture verses taken from the Common English Bible



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Synda Heikkinen, Sherry Brown, Richard Wright’s sister, Peggy; Mary Jane Lackey; Linda Bonardel’s brother, David; Terry Hatfield; 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 5/8/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$1,766	\$3,682	\$62,108	\$69,958
Non-Pledged	\$183	\$728	\$20,206	\$13,832

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Brenda Wesley
Ushers.....Mary Beth Waller & Bill Fountain
Sound.....Terry Randall
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
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

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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.