

First Presbyterian Church  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Morning Worship  
Matthew Schultz – Pastor  
David Hagen – Music Director  
Jan Gruhn – Organist

**Prelude:** “Our Great Savior” Prichard

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Matthew Schultz

**Introit**

✠ **Hymn:** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” #611

**Time for Reconciliation**

Leader: Merciful God, you love us,

**All: But we have not loved you.**

Leader: You send us to spread the Good News

**All: But we stubbornly refuse to go.**

Leader: You call us,

**All: But we have not listened and responded.**

Leader: You ask us to be your disciples,

**All: But we have not followed.**

Leader: You love all people,

**All: But we have not done the same.**

Leader: God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. We pause now for silent prayer, to ask God’s forgiveness, and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

**(Silent Prayer)**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠ **Response** *Gloria Patri* #805  
**All: 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.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Kids Time**

**Choral Anthem** “Rejoice”

**Scripture** Psalm 27:4-6 Page 546

**Scripture** Matthew 11:28-30 Page 966

**Sermon** “Hope” Steve Gordon

✠ **Hymn** “Heal Us, Immanuel, Hear Our Prayer” #411

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)**

**Offertory** “O Love, How Deep” Manz

**Response**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastor Prayer / 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.

[✠ **Hymn** “Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old” #409]

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Lift High the Cross” Manz

*“Rejoice!”*

Christ is risen, sing alleluia.  
Love has triumphed over the grave.  
Christ is risen, sing alleluia. Rejoice this happy day.  
Rejoice. Again rejoice, alleluia.

Come and sing a glad alleluia. Jesus Christ is risen to save.  
Come and sing a glad alleluia, this holy Easter day.  
Rejoice, alleluia. Again rejoice, alleluia.

Rejoice, rejoice let songs go forth.  
Fill the earth with praise.  
Rejoice, for He is God. Sing an alleluia.  
Come and lift glad songs unto the Lord.  
Rejoice, alleluia. Again I say rejoice.

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\***

Save the Date:

**April 22-** Birchwood Camp Sunday (Come and learn about summer camp experiences for children and youth. Brochures available in the narthex)

**May 4-** Voicing Concert- times to come

**May 12-** Presbyterian Women Tea from 1pm-3pm.

**May 19-** Church Cleanup from 9:00-11:30 am (Meet in Narthex)

**May 27-June 2-** Presbytery Youth Camp at Bingle Camp (North Pole, AK)

**June 4-8 -** Vacation Bible School at FPC. All children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Registration forms will be available in mid-April.

**June 30-** Tea Tent at the Scottish Highland Games at Palmer Fairgrounds

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SUNDAY WORSHIP  
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