



Jesus prays for all believers. - John 17: 20-26

First Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack**

Wednesday, May 11
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 15
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
Acts 2: 1-21
John 14: 8-17
"We Need More Wine"
~~12:00 Hospitality hour~~
Postponed to June 5

Tuesday, May 17
7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, May 18
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Trinity Sunday, May 22
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, May 25
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 29
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship



****Please rise in body and
spirit.***

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Vorspiel" Bruckner

Choral Call to Worship (Children's ensemble)
"Love is Forever" Butler

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes
take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

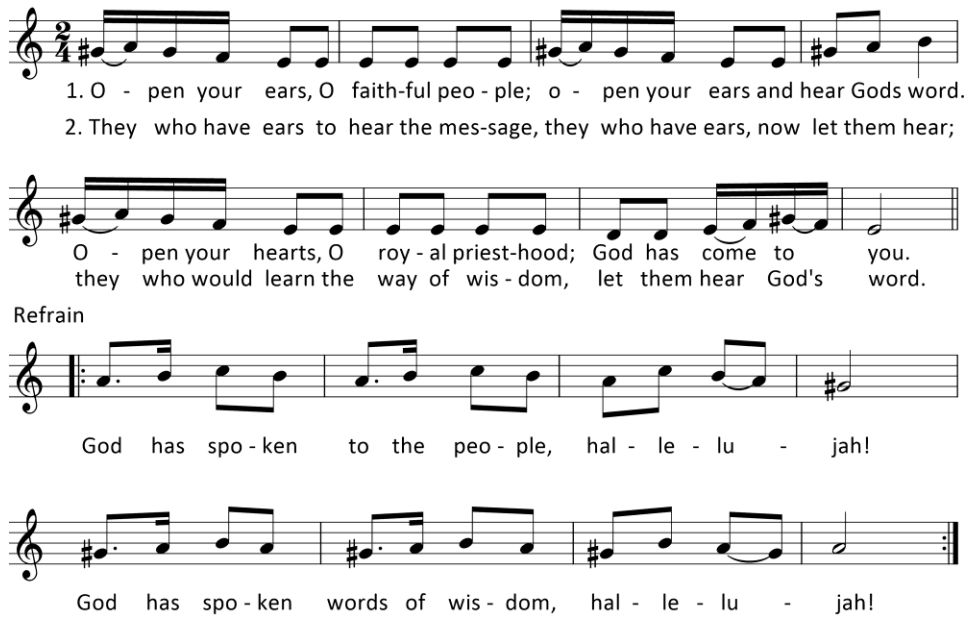
**God of everlasting life, we confess that we
continue in the ways of death. You have set
us free to serve you, but we serve our own
interests. You have delivered us from
captivity, but we remain captive to our fear.
Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out Your
loving-kindness upon this whole family of
believers so that we may rejoice in our
redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the
saints. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**



1. O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple; o - pen your ears and hear Gods word.
2. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;

O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood; God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we receive gifts for the \$6 a backpack ministry.

Choral Musical Offering "At the Name of Jesus" R. Vaughan Williams

***Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*** Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)**

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn # 319 "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

page 1087

Gospel Lesson

John 17: 20-26

pages 941-942

Sermon

"Even so, Come, Lord Jesus"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

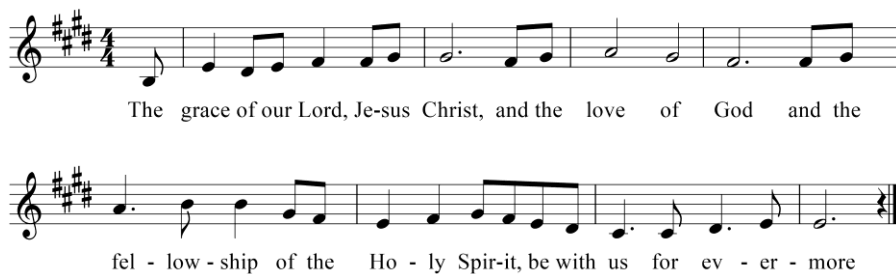
* Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Musette"

Rameau

* Benediction (sung)



The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more

At the Name of Jesus

*At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.*

*Name Him, brothers, name Him with love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*

*In your hearts enthroned him;
There let Him subdue all that is not holy,
All that is not true:
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.*

*Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.*

The Vision of the Congregation: We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ for each other, for the community, and for the world.

Welcome to our visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

Donations in memory of Leon C. Smith, Sr. were made by
Charles and Barbara Bond, Sonia Powell, and Sylvia Stephenson.

This morning, we honor all mothers on their special day. In particular, we remember Ruby Elizabeth Justice, Mildred Barrett Bartlett, and Elizabeth Bartlett Fitzwater. The flowers are given by Betty Bartlett and Grady, Graham and Mary Barrett Fitzwater as a token of their love for their mothers.

The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible. The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to biblegateway.com and select the NRSV version.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin),
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son),
Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Stephanie Green, Joe Jennings, Carl Rhodes,
Sylvia Stephenson, the Winkler and Powell families,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

To the church triumphant

Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,
AT & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,
Burma Smith, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

May Offerings

5/1	\$ 3,194.35	5/22	
5/8		5/29	
5/15		MTD	\$ 3,194.35

May Attendance

5/1	Worship	51	Sunday school	19
5/8	Worship		Sunday school	
5/15	Worship		Sunday school	
5/22	Worship		Sunday school	
5/29	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration, led by Paul Butler
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite
Finance, led by Diane Griffin
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

Church Staff

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Birthdays

5/2 Sue Parker
5/8 David Culpepper
5/15 Joyce Wright
5/18 Elizabeth Turner
5/21 Bob Graupmann
5/26 Diana Taylor
5/30 Scott Taylor
5/31 Monica Manley

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Ministries

5/1
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Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite
5/8
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. Todd Taylor
5/15
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. The Fraziers
5/22
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. Diane Griffin
5/29
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
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