

*First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025*



Order of Worship

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! Today, we would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to all of the mothers in our congregation.*

Prelude

"Meditation"

Benoit

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The Lord is our shepherd;
We lack nothing.
Though we may walk through the darkest valley,
We fear no evil for God is with us.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,
And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Hymn 403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Merciful God,
You have told us who You are, and we struggle to believe.
In Jesus Christ, You reveal Your unending care for us, and we give You thanks.
Grant us the vision of the world You see, a world without hunger, thirst, or tears.
Lead us into the future You are preparing, O God, as we follow You with grateful hearts. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Though we walk through the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil,
For you are with us, Lord; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort us.
Let us sing to His glory together.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Noah Ryder

Doxology

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

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Birthday Blessing – All those with May birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a special birthday blessing.

Hymn 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Prayers of the People

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.

First Lesson

Psalm 23, page 476

Second Lesson

John 10: 22-30, page 934

Sermon

“WARNING: Life is Hazardous to Your Health”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

Passing of the Peace

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!



The 2025 Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be collected throughout the month of May. Envelopes for your contributions will be available in the Courtyard foyer near the poster. Kindly take an envelope, print your name on it, and place it in the offering plate during services.



On Sunday, May 18, the women of the church will be serving birthday cake after the services to commemorate our 103rd birthday. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion.

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Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Paul and Alice Butler and family
Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett
Monica Manley
Teresa Roberts
Maria Rhodes
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Dana Arden
Mae Holoman

Mary Leming
Sonia Powell
Lou Wilhite
Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Kathy Goolsby
Ray Rood
Kim McCormick
Madeline Calicchio
Diane Griffin
Everest Goodrich

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator
Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupmann (2025)
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)
Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Linda Audet
4 Mae Holoman
8 David Culpepper
12 Yolanda Faas
12 Charlie McCormick
18 Elizabeth Wells (Turner)
20 Corey McCormick
21 Bob Graupmann
26 Diana Taylor
30 Scott Taylor
31 Monica Manley