

Who is he who overcomes
the world, but he who believes that
Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:5

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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May 5, 2024

* = You are invited to stand, if able

Items in **bold** are congregational responses

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE (Silent Prayer)

Awesome and majestic God, how blessed are we, for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—the human face of your love. You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. May this time of worship and the service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should care for us so. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:
to sing a new song to the Lord,

**People: who has done marvelous things, who has shown us
steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises

**People: joining the symphony of the earth: and people
in every corner of the globe.**

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness

People: we greet you with joy, our living God!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Gracious and Loving God—we sing your praise this day and bless your Name, for you have done and marvelous things. We pray to you this day, O God, that you would confirm in us once again the wonders of your love. Touch us with your Holy Spirit and lead us by the power of your living Word that we might love that which you love and do that which you do—to your everlasting praise and glory. Amen.

***HYMN: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Blue 150**

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION Pastor**

***CHORUS: “Spirit of the Living God”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE: *Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! The only one who can judge us calls us friends. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the

**life we have now. Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia!
Amen**

***GLORIA PATRI (Glory Be to the Father . . .)**

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God" Screen

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Led by Liturgist

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 John 5:1-5 Liturgist

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17 Pastor

SERMON: "A Place to Stay" Pastor

***HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Red 456**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Liturgist

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – 167 until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the Risen Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Resurrection people, lift your hearts to God.

People: **We lift our glad hearts to the One who gives us new life.**

Leader: Children of God, sing with joy on this day of resurrection.

People: **Songs of joy flow from our very being this day.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Honey in the Rock”

In the morning, Awakening God, . . . your Savior now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.

All creation sings glad praises to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came for our sake.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God . . . we lift our prayers and petitions to God:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As we search for Christ in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel,
may we find that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, not boasting in himself;
Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him;
Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night . . . He took the bread

Likewise . . . He took the cup

♪ **Every time . . .** ♪

Pour out your Spirit . . . God in Community, Holy in One. Amen

FEASTING AT THE TABLE

We gather at this table to remember that God seeks out each of us
and saves us by His sacrifice for each of us, when you are ready,
please partake of the bread. Because Christ's sacrifice has made us
part of God's family, a community of faith, please hold the cup that we
may partake together.

Here is that Bread which, though broken,
can strengthen the powerless;

Here is that Cup which, though emptied,
can fill the weary with hope.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this
sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of
the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

Red 466

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

Pastor

*RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

by Don Besig

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you every hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

**The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in
memory of Henry Ream from Dan, Mary Beth,
and Emma Burkley.**

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Sunday School 9 am; Worship at 9:55 am;
Communion; Coffee Hour

FRIDAY: Chicken Pie Making

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday School 9 am
Worship at 9:55 am—Mother’s Day

Last Sunday's Attendance: 57

Last Sunday's Offering: \$1782

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 6- Jeff Orr

May 9- Lexi Jones

May 10- Jean Miller

May 14- Ray Helster

Emily Bair

May 16- Kay Nelson

Jennifer Bukovitz

May 19- Hannah Pallotta

May 8- Joe & Brenda Kennedy

May 13- Ken & Marilyn Amrick

May 15- Jake & Jessica Phillabaum

May 17- Mike & Becky Moravec

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us next Sunday morning at 9 am and following for a time of study and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Engage Discipleship curriculum.

PLANT SALE: Our annual Plant and Bake Sale is Saturday, May 18th, from 8:30 am to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be selling annuals, geraniums, vegetables, hanging baskets, and bagged barnyard manure. A pre-order form is in the office, the church, and online. Pre-orders must be placed by today. See Fred Exley or Charlene Backo with any questions.

PENTECOST FLOWERS: The Easter season lasts for 50 days and ends with Pentecost Sunday. This year we will once again take orders for geraniums to decorate our sanctuary for this special day. We will order your geranium through the church's plant sale. Forms are available on the church windowsill, in the office, or on the website. Orders are due by **TODAY**. Please be sure to submit your dedications (in honor/memory of) along with your order.

The Music and Worship Committee will use the pre-ordered geraniums to beautify the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, and you will be able to take your flowers home after the service. Also, please remember to wear red for Pentecost that day.

FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE: The date for this year's sale is June 7-8, and we are putting together a team to **coordinate** preparations, setup, and cleanup. If you are willing to be a part of the team, call the church office to sign up.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions
or e-mail the church at office@fpresbv.org.

Anita † Sue Balogh † Kaiden Bane † Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens
† Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish † Bob & Carol Berish †
Carl Boone † Frank Britton † Cameron Burnardza †
Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †
Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Chloe Chachaula †
Nancy Craig † Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Sue Currie †
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Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janet Garlits † Janis Garofalo †
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Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Ginger Thorp † Jerry Tregembo †
Fred Walker † Shirl Walsh † Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood †
Edna Weaver

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,
those affected by senseless violence and war,
and those affected by natural disasters.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at
724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*

“A Place to Stay”

John 15:9-16; 1 John 5:1-6

Jesus seeks to impress on his listeners how important it is to _____ or to _____.

His discourse, given after Judas' departure, highlighted three relationships for the disciples: 1) Relationship with _____ 2) relationship with _____, and 3) relationship with the _____ them.

The picture of the vine and branches earlier in the chapter emphasizes the picture of _____ from the vine to in order to produce _____.

1. Relationship with God. Jesus assures them that the direct connection with him and the Father will bring them _____.
2. Relationship with one another. “Love one another.”
v. 13 “No one has greater _____ than this, to lay down one's life for one's _____.”



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Patty Gillon
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness.

As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)