



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Paul Romine, Parish Associate
Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

April 27, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

Introit

Jazz Introit
CRAIG CURRY

Chancel Choir
Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist

Call To Worship

One: Easter Sunday has come and gone, but the Easter season continues.

All: Let us prepare to meet the resurrected One again.

One: Disciples of Jesus, do not cower in fear in a locked room!

All: Let us throw open the doors to the risen Christ!

One: Christ gifts us with the Holy Spirit, a gentle breath on the cheek.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and truth!

* Hymn of Praise

God of Abraham Praise
LEONI

Glory to God #49

* Call To Confession

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One: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect it, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray, saying,

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

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God of empty tombs and empty people: When we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

*	Hymn	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i> <i>Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i> <i>Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.</i>	GLORIA PATRI
	Children's Moment		David Dutcher
	Prayer of Illumination		Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist
		Holy Spirit, how tempting it is to read the words of Scripture as if they were from an ancient page, by a person long dead, to people whose lives have long since been forgotten. Do not let us be fooled, Living One. Speak to us once again. May your words come alive in the reading here and now, that we might hear them as fresh as if they were written to us, just yesterday, by the One who loves us too much not to communicate. We pray in his name. Amen.	
	First Scripture	Revelation 1:4-8	Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist
	Special Music	<i>Pie Jesu from Requiem</i> ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Audrey Nolte, soprano; Kara Smith, mezzo-soprano	Andrew Morris, organ
	Gospel Reading	John 20:19-31	
	Sermon	<i>"Resurrection in the Present Tense"</i>	Rev. Paul Romine
	Hymn	<i>Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i> HYMN TO JOY	Glory to God #248
	Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer		(as translated by the Maori people)
		Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:	
		The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.	
	Moment for Mission	Justice Matters	Margie Dyck
	Call To Offering		
	Offering	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i> MARTIN SHAW	Chancel Choir Adrian Hartsough, director Andrew Morris, organist
*	Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> <i>Praise God all creatures here below</i> <i>Praise God above ye heav'nly host</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost</i>	Glory to God #606

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Easter turns doubts upside down, sets loose new possibilities, reveals a God stronger than death, a love mightier than despair.

Easter brings us the risen Christ, who knows our wounds, forgives our denials, sends us out to love and serve; who is not bound by a period in history but finds us wherever we journey; who receives our questions, whispers a word of peace and causes our hearts to be warmed.

Easter releases the Holy Spirit, setting us free from sins that wound, resentments that smolder, anger that burns; empowering us to be witnesses to truth and obedient to a higher authority; causing us to walk with joy in our steps, hope in our hearts and a song on our lips.

* **Hymn**

Christ Is Alive!
TRURO

Glory to God #246

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- Our thanks to Rev. Paul Romine for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Helen is away.
- Prayers for Dr. David Hutchison, Pastor Helen's father, who suffered a stroke on April 15. Following surgery to remove a blood clot he is recovering well. Gratitude to his wife, Judy, who recognized the signs and got help quickly. Prayers for Pastor Helen and her family as they navigate this new situation.
- Prayers for Carl and Sammie Locke. Sammie has moved to Bridgehaven and Carl is making plans to make a move as well. These are big changes! Prayers for strength.
- Prayers for Myron Shipley as he receives treatment for cancer.
- First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- Alisa Stucky is asking for prayers in support of her Mother's health. Her mother is Ruthanne Stucky.

- Kelly Grube is traveling between Lawrence and the Mayo Clinic and will have surgery at Mayo on April 28 and April 30. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Jenny Skridulis Vellon, a former member of FPC, had breast cancer surgery recently. She will rest for a few weeks before starting radiation.
- Nancy Brink, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- George Crump is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- Prayer for our local community organizations struggling with loss of funding including LINK, Bert Nash, and Haskell, and we expect to hear about more in the coming days. Lord, hear our prayer.
- Liz Cloutman is receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- Susan and Pat - dealing with health concerns.
- Allison Clunn-McPlin and family, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- Kristi McAlister, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- Prayer for our pastor and church leaders, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- Prayers for the Care Center, LINK, and Bert Nash who are experiencing a loss of funding.

Deacon Family Groups - 2025

A-Ca	Deborah Norwood	N-Q	Sandy Groene
Ce-Do	Joyce Carroll	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Lucille Eggenberger	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim and Nancy Rumsey, Larry Flottman, Pat McAlister

Greeters: Sandy Groene, Carol Smith

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Erin Barcomb-Peterson, Eric Fischer

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Birthdays in the Congregation

April 29

Allen Macfarlane

Catherine Norwood

Emma Norwood

Megan Derby

May 2

Adrian Hartsough

May 4

Greg Peterson

Calendar

April 27

9:15 am Youth Sunday School

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

3:30 pm Daisy Troop 5621

April 28

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

1:15 pm Staff meeting

6:00 pm

Cub Scout Den - Schwaller

7:00 pm

First 5 years Board Meeting

April 29

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

7:00 pm

Troop 59 Eagle Court of Review

April 30

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

7:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

May 1

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

May 2

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

10:00 am

Men's Group

6:00 pm

First 5 Years Art Show and Book Fair

May 4

9:00 am

Presby Pickers Rehearsal

9:15 am

Income Inequality and the Bible

9:15 am

Children's Sunday School Classes

10:30 am

Worship

4:00 pm

Laura Hrivnak Studio Rehearsal

4:30 pm

Confirmation Dinner with Pastor Helen

Children and Youth

• Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- Youth – Room 11

Youth Activities

• May

- CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Youth interested in learning about church membership come and have dinner and discussion with Pastor Helen on May 4

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **No classes today.** You are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall or the Library for time together and some coffee. Class will resume on May 4 with "Income Inequality and the Bible" See description below.

Adult Offerings during the week

- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library.
- **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – We are taking a break for a couple of weeks and will meet again on May 5th and talk about the prophet Hosea. The class meets at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

Youth Membership Opportunity – On Sunday, May 4th Pastor Helen is inviting youth interested in joining the church to a dinner at the church from 5 to 7 pm. There is no requirement to join, just a desire to learn more. If you do choose to join the church you will then meet with members of the Session at a dinner on Thursday, May 8th. The congregation will welcome you into membership on Sunday, May 18th. Please contact the church office for information or to reserve your space in the group! 785-843-4171

Beginning May 4 – "Income Inequality and the Bible" An Adult Sunday School Class led by Paul Romine

Income inequality has reached record levels in the United States and influences how working people vote. We will explore how the Hebrew Law, Prophets, and Writings addressed the gap between the rich and the poor in biblical times. The class will reflect on how economics have changed in our own lifetimes. We will look for ways that the Hebrew Bible connects with our experience and see if it offers guidance for how we might work for a more equitable society today. Class meets through May 18 in the Fireside Room.