



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Jan Roth, liturgist

April 19, 2026

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*  
ERIC EWAZEN

Armando Gutierrez, Jr., trumpet; Adrian Hartsough, euphonium; Andrew Morris, piano

**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 and we will send them out in the mail.

**Introit**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI, arr.

Andrew Morris, organ, Armando Gutierrez, Jr., trumpet

Westminster Ringers  
Carol Fleeger, director

**Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us walk with one another as the disciples did. Let us journey together as we tell God's story in song and proclamation.

**All: Let us ponder what we have seen and heard, what we know to be true, and what we hope beyond hope is real.**

One: Let us walk, that our minds might be clear, our hearts open, and our spirits renewed.

**All: Behold, God journeys with us; Jesus walks beside us. May the Spirit give us eyes to see the risen Christ:**

One: Here and everywhere, now and always. Let us worship God!

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
LEONI

**Glory to God #49**

\* **Call To Confession**

Jan Roth, liturgist

One: Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

\* **Prayer of Confession**

Jan Roth, liturgist

**Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\* **Pouring the Water**

\* **Words of Forgiveness**

Jan Roth, liturgist

One: The gospel is foolishness for those who do not understand. For God's power and love are shown not in our strength but in our weakness. All praise for a God who does know us for who we are but still never gives up on us. Amen.

- \* **Passing the Peace** Jan Roth, 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** GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory Be to the Father*  
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*
- Prayer of Illumination** Jan Roth, liturgist  
**Holy Spirit, prepare us to hear from the Scriptures. Sometimes it can be easy to dismiss a passage that seems familiar. We've heard it before and so we disengage. Yet we know that your word is powerful and that it is calling us to live like Jesus. Do not let us turn off our ears so quickly. Help us to listen well and respond with obedience. Let us see what it is you are doing through the Scriptures we hear today. You are working and we want to join you. Amen.**
- Hebrew Bible Reading** Jan Roth, liturgist  
 Isaiah 51:1-6
- Special Music** Westminster Ringers  
Carol Fleeger, director  
*To God Be the Glory*  
 CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI, arr.
- Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35
- Sermon** Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison  
*"Traveling Companion"*
- Hymn** Glory to God #240  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
 ALLELUIA NO.1
- 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 Earth** Carol Kyner and Thad Holcombe  
*Earth Day* (See Insert)
- Call to Offertory**
- Offering** Chancel Choir  
Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director  
*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*  
 MARK HAYES AND G. F. HANDEL  
 Armando Gutierrez, Jr., trumpet; Andrew Morris, organ

- \* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*
- \* **Prayer of Dedication**
- \* **Affirmation of Faith**  
We believe in God -- who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.  
We believe in Jesus -- the risen Christ, the Friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; who loves us without judgment, yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit -- who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations and races; who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.  
We believe we are called to be an Easter people -- challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.  
We believe in the church -- the hand-holding, heartily singing and passionate, caring fellowship of seekers and finders. This we believe.
- \* **Closing Hymn** *May the God of Hope Go with Us (3 times)* **Glory to God #765**  
ARGENTINA
- \* **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 [linda@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:linda@firstpreslawrence.org)** 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*

- **Caroll Tucker** is having some health issues and needs our prayers.
- **Myron Shipley** died March 19<sup>th</sup>, in Piggott, Arkansas. Services will be held at FPC on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am
- **Ann McMillian, mother of Annette Camlin**, is receiving palliative care at her home in Bellevue, NE.

Prayers for her and Annette's sister, Kerri Campbell who is their Mom's primary caregiver with health issues of her own.

- **Kristi McAlister** continues to receive cancer treatments as part of a clinical trial. She is tolerating the treatment well enough that she can attend her daughter's softball games. Both Kristi and Pat McAlister (her mother) are grateful for our continued prayers and support.
- **Kathryn Roblee** is doing well with her rehab and hopes to move out of nursing care soon. Prayers for healing and strength.
- **Betty Thomas, Joy Laird's mother**, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, is dealing with brain cancer and all the treatments that brings.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Joan Snodgrass** is in rehab in Overland Park after a fall at her home.

- **Sammie Locke** is receiving hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- Please keep **Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alisa Stucky**, in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis.** Angela teaches for First 5 Years.
- Please keep **Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.

### Sunday Helpers

**Ushers:** Larry Schlosser, Mark Shiflett, Mark and Diana Schoneweis

**Greeters:** Linda Watts

**South Door Greeter:** Judy Wilson

**Offering:** Jim Rumsey and Paul Laird

**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson

**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Linda Longino

### Deacon Family Groups - 2026

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

### Birthdays in the Congregation

<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 23</b>
Dianne Sisk	Katie Jane Luckie
<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 25</b>
Linda Watts	Bowen Savage
Melinda R. Fischer	

### Calendar

#### April 19

9:00 am	Cooking for LINK
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School Class
9:15 am	The Church in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Century
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	EcoTeam Earth Day Celebration
10:30 am	Worship

#### April 20

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am	Mission Committee Meeting
1:15 pm	FPC Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen Class
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

#### April 21

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
1:00 pm	Parkinson Support Group
6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting

#### April 22

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### April 23

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes

#### April 24

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am	Men's Group
7:30 pm	Jacob Hedrling Senior Violin Recital

#### April 25

10:00 am	PW Spring Gathering
4:30 pm	Alison Gruber Piano Studio Recital

#### April 26

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	The Church in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Century
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship

### Children Sunday School

#### • Sunday School Classes for Children

- Our Children gather for fun and adventure in Room 14 at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun!

### Adult and Youth Sunday School

- **Beginning April 19** – **The Church in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century: Luther, Reformation, and Protestantism.** This class will be led by Paul Laird. We will meet in the Fireside Room through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Youth Activities

- **Confirmation Sunday** - April 26<sup>th</sup> during worship. Please pray for these young people as they consider the growth and development of their spiritual journey.
- **Join the Youth on April 19 at 9 am** in the Kitchen at FPC. **We will be cooking for LINK.** Sharing the mixing and stirring is a great way to get to know someone new. Come check it out!

**Pastor Helen's Monday Class** is meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. We are currently studying the history of religion in the US. We will survey the history of religion in America and its impact on social reform, politics and intellectual life. It will offer an opportunity to study the religions of the world, and the influence faith and religion have exercised in American history. Everyone is welcome!