



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

April 12, 2026

Andrew Morris, organist

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 and we will send them out in the mail.

Choral Introit

Day of Delight and Beauty Abounded

Chancel Choir
Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director

Call to Worship

One: O Lord, mold your church today into the shape of the message you embodied in Jesus the Christ.

All: Let us release the fragrant aroma of a Christbody community. Let us be rich with the essence of agape, and let your love live through us.

One: May this Church be "a Paradise Found" to all who enter through its doors.

* **Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

Glory to God #267

* **Call To Confession**

Jim Rumsey, 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**

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

God, we confess that we do not have you all figured out, but we act as if we do. We do not wait with patience for your words of wisdom and direction. We raise your banner high but do our own will. Have mercy on us who love you but have not been able to separate our desire for power, our desire to make the rules, our desire to speak for you, from your calling on our lives. Help us, O God, remember that we are mere sinners, seeking your grace.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Words of Forgiveness**

Jim Rumsey, 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**

Jim Rumsey, 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**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Jim Rumsey, 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.

First Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Special Music

Now the Green Blade Rises
BRADLEY ELLINGBOE, arr.

Chancel Choir
Andrew Morris, piano
Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director

Acts of the Apostles Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Sermon

"But the Bible Says..."

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide
VRUECHTEN

Glory to God #244

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.

Call to Offertory

Offering

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**

Thine Is the Glory
JUDAS MACCABEUS

Glory to God #238

* **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** 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

- **Myron Shipley** died March 19th, in Piggott, Arkansas. Services will be held at FPC on May 2nd 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 receiving rehab for a hip replacement at Presbyterian Manor. 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.
- **Prayers for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Larry Schlosser, Mark Shiflett, Pat McAlister, Eva Alley

Greeters: Linda Watts

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Jim Rumsey and Chris Heider

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Julie Simon

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

April 13

April Hodges

April 15

Michael Grose

April 17

Lois Leatherman

April 17

Ted Upstill

Bill Seidel

Cooper Grube

April 19

Debbie McDonald

6:00 pm

Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Meeting

6:30 pm

Session Meeting

April 15

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

10:30 am

Grieving Together

5:00 pm

Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

April 16

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

4:00 pm

Girl Scout Troop Meeting

5:00 pm

Confirmation Meeting with Session

April 17

10:00 am

Men's Group

April 19

9:00 am

Youth Cook for LINK

9:15 am

Children's Sunday School Class

9:15 am

Adult and Youth Sunday School Class

9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am

EcoTeam Earth Day Celebration

10:30 am

Worship

Calendar

April 12

8:45 am

Presby Pickers Rehearsal

9:15 am

Children's Sunday School

9:15 am

Regenerative Agriculture Class

10:30 am

Worship

April 13

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

1:15 pm

FPC Staff Meeting

2:00 pm

Pastor Helen Class

6:00 pm

Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

April 14

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

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** – Christianity in the Americas and Europe during the Reformation. This class will be led by Paul Laird. We will meet in the Fireside Room for three weeks.

Youth Activities

- **Confirmation Class** Open to all youth 6 to 12 grades. The group will meet with Pastor Helen on Sunday, April 12th from 4-6 pm to learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian. If they choose to join First Presbyterian Church, they will meet with a few of the Elders on Thursday, April 16 from 5-7 pm. Then they will be confirmed on Sunday, April 26th during worship. Contact Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713 for more information.
- **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. This is a class Helen taught at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M college. 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!