



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Linda Watts, liturgist

May 5, 2024

Prelude

David Pérez, organist

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 include your email address if you wish. We invite you to note the names of those sitting near you and greet them before leaving today.

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

Introit

How Majestic Is Your Name
HOW MAJESTIC

Chancel Choir
Angela Pérez, director
David Pérez, organ

Call to Worship

One: Come, all people, and join all creation in praising God.

All: With the stars and the planets, with the mountains and the waters, we praise the Lord!

One: Come and join all peoples who sing to God's glory.

All: With the powerful and meek, men and women, old and young together, we praise the Lord!

One: Come and praise, and speak the most basic language of faith.

All: For when we truly praise the Lord, we learn to love one another.

* **Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

Glory to God #611

* **Call To Confession**

Linda Watts, 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 (unison)**

Linda Watts, liturgist

God of Wholeness, we have become fragmented. We build up walls and hide ourselves from others. The pain of others is too much to deal with. The struggles of the world are too much to bear. We'd much rather just focus on our own lives, jobs and families. But God, you have called us to be your people, a people of the covenant in which you are our God, not only my God. You have called us to be the people of the New Commandment, which is to love one another. We cannot go it alone. We cannot put blinders on and build up our dividers. Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might participate in the healing of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to bring us life that we might have it abundantly, we pray.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Linda Watts, liturgist

One: Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Go, bring hope and peace. Live into faith. Be love. Amen.

* **Passing the Peace** Linda Watts, 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** Linda Watts, liturgist
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.*

Children's Moment Linda Burton

Prayer of Illumination Linda Watts, liturgist
Interrupt us, O God, with your presence. Intrude upon our preoccupation, our restlessness, our discontent, and our boredom that we might center our hearts and minds on your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Amen.

Acts Reading Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 Linda Watts, liturgist

Epistle Reading I John 4:7-21

Sermon *"God Is..."* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vs.1,3) **Glory to God** #366
HYFRYDOL

Prayer of the People

Call To Offering

Offering *I Surrender to You* Chancel Choir
MARY McDONALD, arr. Angela Pérez, director
David Pérez, piano

* **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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of institution

Communion of the People

*As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. You will partake of communion at the front and then return to your seats by the south aisle.
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.*

The Lord's Prayer

*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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall 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

* Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ
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Glory to God #526

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

David Pérez, 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; as a long-time member or a first-time guest, 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.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Sally Ann Corrier**, daughter of Bob and Pat Bates died April 25 in Topeka. Services will be held at a later date. Prayers for Bob and Pat as they grieve.
- **Jean Givens** is home following hospitalization for life threatening high fever and infection. She is receiving daily treatment and care. Her daughter is with her now.
- **Loren Dolezal** is now at Select Specialty Hospital KC. He will be there for about three weeks and then plans are to move to a rehabilitation hospital. Prayers for strength and patience.
- **Tom Groene** has been discharged from LMH and is now living at Bridgehaven.
- **Stan Roth** recently learned that a broken elbow likely will not heal. He is learning to manage the pain.
- **Beckie Lewis** is at home healing broken ribs.
- **Steve Rauch, father of Holly Oertel**, is home and recovering from a heart attack while the family was in Tulsa, OK. We are grateful!
- **We celebrate with Djifa Gavi and Joel** that their husband and father, **Kassenge Soklou** has been cleared to travel to the United States. Update:

Kassenge is scheduled to arrive in mid-May! Prayers for safe travel.

- **Tonja and Adam Rounds** ask for our prayers as Tonja recovers from brain surgery. The MRI showed that they removed all the tumor, and we are grateful for that good news!
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic & Dianne Sisk, Heather Soper, Cherie Elo

Greeters: Dorothy Devlin

Securing the Offering: Jim Rumsey and Eric Fischer

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Mugger: Linda Longino

Communion Servers: Jim Rumsey, Henry Johns, Ed Manda, Marilyn Heikes, Jeff Southard, and bobbie frances mcdonald

Flowers: Are provided by Jeff and Peggy Southard in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Care

Deacon Family Groups - 2024

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| A-Ca | Charles Tuttle | N-Q | Peggy Southard |
| Ce-Do | Janet Adams | Mc-Mz | Becky May |
| Dr-F | Diana Schoneweis | R-Si | Linda Longino |
| G-Ha | Larry Schlosser | Sl-T | Russ Heikes |
| He-Ko | Mary Warren | U-Z | Allen Macfarlane |
| Kr-Ma | Lois Dutcher | | |

Birthdays in the Congregation

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| May 2 | May 9 |
| Adrian Hartsough | Laney Boyd |
| May 9 | May 12 |
| John Bell | Edna Galle |
| | Pam Mitchell |

Calendar

May 5

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| 9:00 am | Sunday Nursery Open |
| 9:15 am | Children and Youth Sunday School |
| 9:15 am | Judeo-Christian Themes in Musical Theater |
| 10:30 am | Worship |

May 6

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| 9:00 am | First 5 Years Classes |
| 1:15 pm | Staff Meeting |
| 2:00 pm | Lemon Tree Class |
| 6:00 pm | Pack 3059 Den – Schwaller |
| 6:00 pm | Westminster Ringers Rehearsal |

May 7

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| 9:00 am | First 5 Years Classes |
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| 4:00 pm | Adult Ministry Meeting |
| 6:00 pm | Property Committee Meeting |

May 8

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| 9:00 am | First 5 Years Classes |
| 3:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting |
| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

May 9

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| 9:00 am | First 5 Years Classes |
| 10:30 am | Matthew 25 Cohort |
| 11:00 am | Family Ministry Meeting |

May 10

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| 9:00 am | First 5 Years Carnival |
| 10:00 am | Men's Group |

May 11

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| 9:30 am | Justice Matters Research Committee |
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May 12

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| 9:00 am | Sunday Nursery Open |
| 9:15 am | Children and Youth Sunday School |
| 9:15 am | Coffee House with Presby Pickers |
| 10:30 am | Worship |

Children and Youth

- **We are excited to welcome all children** to our Sunday School classes and all events. On Sunday mornings all the children will meet first in the Chapel for music and stories. Then they move to their classrooms for lessons and more. Check at the Welcome Center or come to the Chapel for more information. All children are welcome to join anytime!

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **Paul Laird is leading a Sunday School class entitled "Judeo-Christian Themes in Musical Theater".** Meeting through May 5 in Fellowship Hall.
- **If you are interested in viewing Paul's class, check out the "Playlist" tab on our YouTube page.** Several of the music videos must be accessed through the links in the description due to copyright issues. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_xqBsEAavQ&list=PL5MCrf1WTPSk1vFZJkjhQ3IYEb-Kb6n0
- **On May 12th we present the Presby Pickers!** Make your way to the Chapel around 9:30 am and listen to some music by a group of FPC family and friends sharing their musical talent. It is a new kind of fellowship time!

Adult Offerings during the week

- **Pastor Helen's Class meets on Mondays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room**
She is using the book, "Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan. This story provides a good foundation of the centuries long conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians and shows how understanding can bring hope and transformation in the Middle East. This week read the introduction and Chapters 3 and 4 for class.
- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room for a time of fellowship (pun intended). Come join the discussion which can cover almost anything! Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.



The EcoTeam of First Presbyterian Church invites you to attend an EcoTrek, Today, Sunday, May 5, beginning at 4:00 at the Nature Center at Prairie Park. Ken Lassman will be our "guide". He is the author of *Seasons and Cycles: Rhythms of Life in the Kansas River Basin* in 1985, *Wild Douglas County* in 2007, and curator of www.kawvalleyalmanac.com. He posts weekly in the Lawrence Times nature updates. This is a "family friendly" trek. Also, if interested, bring a snack to eat at the end of our trek.