



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

May 24, 2026

Andrew Morris, organ

## 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.

## Congregational Introit

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*  
BRIDEGROOM

**Glory to God #285**  
Audrey Nolte, guest director

## Call to Worship

One: Creative Spirit, renewer of the earth,

**All: Give us and all of creation a new song and new hope.**

One: Eloquent Spirit, giver of speech,

**All: Put your words of love in our mouths.**

One: Blessed Spirit, steward of fire,

**All: Ignite our hearts to proclaim God's word.**

One: Blowing Spirit, dynamic wind,

**All: Disturb our ways of thinking about you and God.**

One: Gathering Spirit, embracing all people,

**All: Unite us with God's children, far and near.**

One: Helping Spirit, revealer of truth,

**All: Teach us the grace and peace of Christ.**

## \* Hymn of Praise

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
EBENEZER

**Glory to God #280**

## \* Call To Confession

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession:

## \* Prayer of Confession

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

**Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.**

## \* Silent Prayers of Confession

## \* Pouring the Water

## \* Words of Forgiveness

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: God is with us. God brings us peace and forgiveness. God brings us opportunities new and fresh every day!

- \* **Passing the Peace** Suzanne Galle, 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** Suzanne Galle, liturgist  
**We sit at your feet, O Lord. Lead us in the ways of your truth. Teach us how to be your blessed community. Amen.**
- Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 Suzanne Galle, liturgist
- Gospel Reading** John 7:37-39
- Sermon** *"The Ways of the Spirit"* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God (2 times)* **Glory to God #288**  
LIVING GOD
- 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*  
*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 are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and**

others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

\* **Closing Hymn**

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
HANSON PLACE

*Glory to God #375*

\* **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*

- The flowers this morning are in honor of the FPC 5K Home Run team and all of the faithful Family Promise volunteers. They are from Owen's Florist because they have Family Promise mugs with bouquets and \$15 from bouquet goes to Family Promise.
- **Bev Dolezal** was hospitalized at LMH this week after a fall at home that broke a bone in her leg. They are assessing next steps.
- **Caroll Tucker** has entered hospice care following a Stage 4 cancer diagnosis. She shares that her friendships here have been a blessing to her and she will greet each day in God's love.
- **Ann McMillian, mother of Annette Camlin**, has moved to Hospice House in Omaha, NE. Prayers for her family as they face this time of sadness.
- **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 happy to share that she has moved to Assisted Living at the Manor.
- **Betty Thomas, Joy Laird's mother**, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, completed radiation and is now taking chemo.

- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **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.
- **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 has ALS and has entered a clinical trial which has proven helpful to her. They are encouraged. Thank you for your prayer support.

**Sunday Helpers**

Ushers:

Greeters: Mary Kay Stephens, Nicole Barcomb

South Door Greeter: Judy Wilson

Offering: Suzanne Galle and Chris Heider

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Julie Simon

**Birthdays in the Congregation**

May 26

Carson Ziegler

May 29

Yvonne Davidson

Vic Sisk

**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

**Calendar**

May 24

8:00 am

Presby Pickers Rehearsal

9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am

Worship

4:00 pm

Youth Picnic at South Park

May 25

Church Closed – Memorial Day

May 27  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting  
May 28  
5:30 am Worship Committee Meeting

May 29  
10:00 am Men's Group  
May 31  
10:30 am Worship

### Children Sunday School

- **Sunday School Classes for Children**
  - Mark your calendars for August 9 and our Kick-Off Sunday.
  - Watch the newsletter and website for Summer opportunities.

### Adult and Youth Sunday School

- Put our Kick-Off Sunday – August 9 – on your calendar now!

### Youth Activities

- **Youth Picnic in the Park** – Come celebrate the end of the school year with us this afternoon at South Park. We will meet at 4:00 pm for dinner and maybe some ice cream? We celebrate all our accomplishments this past year and look forward to setting new goals for next year. Need more information? Call Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713
- **For our next project** we will be looking for donations of single serving snacks to share with the guests of the Homeless Resource Center AND new or gently used adult sized socks for the Lawrence Community Shelter. Questions? Call Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713.

**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 U.S. history. Everyone is welcome!

### Summer Education Opportunity: Historical Perspectives on Indigenous Boarding Schools

The Matthew 25 cohort has been looking over the surveys many of you submitted several months ago asking about your knowledge and interaction of Haskell Indian Nations University and your wishes to be allis to the Indigenous people in our community. We have come up with several plans, beginning with the request that we need to better educate ourselves about indigenous history and treatment by governmental policies. We are starting with a book study using the book Education for Extinction: American Indians and the Boarding School Experience, 1875–1928 May 29, 2020 by David Wallace Adams (Author) Suzanne Galle can get us a deal on the books so please sign up if you would like to order a book and they will be no more than \$25.

We also have some shorter readings that are in a handout located in the narthex. Our first meeting will be June 10 at 3 in the library. We will start with the shorter readings while we order the books and get them to you. All are welcome.



**EcoTrek** - Our hike was a wonderful adventure with perfect weather, exciting spider discoveries and only a few ticks. We learned many things from Hank and even assisted with collecting a few spider samples. We look forward to more activities with the Eco-team.

