



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Suzanne Galle, liturgist

May 11, 2025
Presby Pickers

Prelude

Psalm of the Prairie
PETER OSTROUSHKO

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: Blessed are the surprising saints, the ones we ignore or do not appreciate.

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;

One: Blessed are the immigrants and refugees.

All: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth;

One: Blessed are the political activists.

All: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy;

One: Blessed are the nurses and caregivers.

All: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God;

One: Blessed are the mentally ill.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God;

One: Blessed are the enlisted people and conscientious objectors.

All: See what love is this: that all should be called children of God, and so we are.

* **Hymn of Praise**

Womb of Life and Source of Being
RAQUEL

Glory to God #3

* **Call To Confession**

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

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)**

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

Jesus, before you died, you prayed that we would be one, and that the world would know we are yours by our love for one another. We confess that we have failed. Instead of seeking unity, we have gossiped. Instead of seeking to serve one another, we serve only our own interests. Instead of embracing the outsider, we isolate ourselves away from the world. God, lift our eyes to see your movement and work in the world. Give us the joy of finding your work and joining the movement of the Spirit. Make us one, Lord, here, there, and everywhere.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Words of Forgiveness**

, 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.

- * **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. Amen.
- Children's Moment** Pastor Helen
- Prayer of Illumination** Suzanne Galle, 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. Amen.
- Reading from the Hebrew Prophets** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 Isaiah 49:8-13
- Anthem** Chancel Choir
Make a Joyful Sound
 JEROME K. RAMSFIELD Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist
- Gospel Reading** Revelation 7:9-17
- Sermon** "I Am One of the Multitude" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks **Glory to God #240**
 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 Mission** Greetings from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas Moderator Ken Weaver
- Call To Offering**
- Offering** *Let All Things Now Living* Presby Pickers

* **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 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.

* **Hymn** *Go to the World!* **Glory to God #295**
 SINE NOMINE

* **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

- Prayers for Kathy Hodges, First 5 Years teacher, on the death of her father, Wilfred "Bud" Walz, on May 5th. Services were held in Michigan on Friday.
- Prayers of gratitude that Dr. David Hutchison, Pastor Helen's father, is now back home and doing well. He will continue to rehab but is happy to be back home.
- Kelly Grube is recovering well from two surgeries she had in April at the Mayo Clinic. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- 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.
- First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

- Prayers for Myron Shipley as he receives treatment for cancer.
- George Crump is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- Ruthanne Stucky, mother of Alisa Stucky is grateful to be doing well in the treatment of her cancer. Thanks for all your prayers for her health.
- Alisa Stucky is recovering from a ruptured Achilles and appreciates healing prayers.
- Nancy Brink, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- Prayer for our local community organizations struggling with loss of funding including LINK, Bert Nash, and Haskell.
- 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.

Birthdays in the Congregation

May 12	May 14
Edna Galle	Leah Pringle
Pam Mitchell	Shane Hofer
May 13	May 18
Kaprelle Bradley	Paxton Christenson

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 SI-T Russ Heikes
He-Ko Mary Warren U-Z Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma Lois Dutcher

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Martha Rose, Cherie Elo, Marin Hoover

Greeters: Pearl Hoover

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Cherie Elo and Ed Manda

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyckj

Calendar

May 11

9:15 am Youth Sunday School
9:15 am Children Sunday School
9:15 am Income Inequality and the Bible
10:30 am Worship

May 12

1:15 pm Staff meeting
2:00 pm Pastor Helen Class
3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Cub Scout Den – Schwaller
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

May 13

6:00 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Meeting

May 14

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

May 15

2:00 pm Parkinson's Support Group

May 16

10:00 am Men's Group

May 18

9:15 am Children Sunday School
9:15 am Income Inequality and the Bible
10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Evan Flynn violin Studio Recital
3:30 pm Daisy Troop 5621

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 18** – Celebrate belonging at Church at the Lake – 5:30 pm at Overlook Park Shelter #1
- **May 31** – We are serving tacos at LINK! Sign up to bring food, serve food, or both. This is open to anyone 13 and older interested in helping. (Those 12 and under need to bring their adult friend in order to help.) Watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **“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. Class meets through May 18th in the Fireside Room.

Adult Offerings during the week

- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.
- **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – On May 5th we will talk about the prophet Micah. The class meets at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

Community Opportunity

Hello FPC walkers and runners! The 5K Home Run 2025 to benefit Family Promise of Lawrence is on May 26th starting in South Park! Virtual participants are welcome. Keep track of your mileage over the week to total a 5K or 3.1 miles. You can sign up in the Narthex on Sundays May 11th and May 18. If you are not a walker or runner, you can still support our FPC team in the Narthex on Sundays! Last year we had 23 team members; can we equal that number this year? Go Team! Lois Dutcher