



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Linda Burton, liturgist

May 3, 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

Let Us Break Bread Together
LET US BREAK BREAD

Glory to God #525

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our Shepherd.

All: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

One: Our Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

All: We follow him because we know his voice.

One: Our Shepherd is completely trustworthy.

All: He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.

One: Verdant pastures, refreshing water and safe shelter. These are the gifts of our Shepherd.

All: In trust, we follow our shepherd.

One: In peace, we rest secure.

All: In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our Shepherd's goodness.

One: The Lord is our Shepherd. Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn of Praise**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
HYFRYDOL

Glory to God #260

* **Call To Confession**

Linda Burton, 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**

Linda Burton, liturgist

Gracious God, like sheep we are prone to wander from our Good Shepherd. We know that you alone can lead us to right paths, streams of living water and pastures that feed us, but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened and stubbornly bent on making our own way. Still, you call us. Still, you whisper words of life and peace. Thank you for your relentless pursuit of us. In humility and faith, we turn to you again and follow you. For the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Words of Forgiveness**

Linda Burton, 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** Linda Burton, 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.

Prayer of Illumination Linda Burton, 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.

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18 Linda Burton, liturgist

Hebrew Bible Reading Ezekiel 34:7-15

Sermon *"The Good Shepherd"* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (verses 1,2,6)* **Glory to God #802**
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Moment for Mission *Bread for the World / Offering of Letters* Linda Watts

Call to Offertory

Offering *If God Be for Us from Messiah* Maddie James, soprano
GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL Andrew Morris, piano

* **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**

Special Music *Behold the Lamb of God* Chancel Choir
JOHANNES BRAMS Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director

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 return to your seats by the south aisle.
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.

Prayer of the People and 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

* **Closing Hymn** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* **Glory to God #187**
BRADBURY

* **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

- **Eva Alley's sister, Bertie Gilbert**, died on April 20. Prayers for Eva as she mourns her losses.
- **Caroll Tucker** is waiting for a treatment plan to move forward and appreciates our prayers for patience and strength.
- **Jim Rumsey** is celebrating a proud grandparent moment. **Hunter Baker**, Jim and Nancy's grandson, a senior at Blue Valley High School and the pitcher on the baseball team pitched a "perfect game" on Saturday, April 25 versus Rockhurst High School. No runs, no hits, no errors, no walks and no base runners – perfect!
- **Ann McMillian, mother of Annette Camlin**, will be moving into hospice care at a skilled nursing facility in Bellevue, NE. Prayers for her family as they have had several losses in the past couple of years and losing their mother is particularly difficult.
- **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 will be moving out of Skilled Nursing next week. It is not clear at this time if she is returning to her apartment or to assisted living, but she is happy for this move!
- **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.
- **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: Cherie Elo, Heather Soper

Greeters: Alisa, Bridgette, and Zoe Stucky

South Door Greeter:

Offering: Jeff Southard and Larry Schlosser

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer:

Birthdays in the Congregation

May 4

Greg Peterson

May 9

John Bell

Laney Boyd

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

1:00 pm	Small World Classes
6:00 pm	Girl Scout CPR Training
May 6	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am	Grieving Together
11:00 am	Matthew 25 Cohort
6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Calendar

May 3

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	The Church in the 16 th Century
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
1:30 pm	Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony
2:00 pm	Brownie Troop 5621

May 4

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	FPC Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen Class
3:30 pm	PW Eve Circle
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

May 5

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
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May 7

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting

May 8

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

May 9

10:00 am	Justice Matters Research Committee
2:00 pm	Laura Hrivnak Studio Recital

May 10

8:00 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
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

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

Youth Activities

- **Confirmation Sunday** – On April 26th during worship we welcomed Hayley and Trevor Lindemyer into ministry with us at FPC.

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!

Calling all Graduates! We want to celebrate with you. Please let us know where you are graduating from and what degree you have earned so that we can include it in our newsletter and acknowledge you in worship in May!

Just Food is hosting a Gala to celebrate the work that has been done to make sure everyone in Douglas County has nutritious food as well as raising critical funds to sustain and expand this work. If you agree that providing nutritious food for everyone – especially those who are unable to afford it – consider attending **"A Night in the Caribbean"** on June 11th at 6:00 pm at the Oread Hotel. Tickets are available at www.justfoods.org or call 785-856-7030.

"Don't Worry, Be Happy" Join the Lawrence Community Handbell Choir for their spring concert today, May 3rd at 3:00 pm at Eudora United Methodist Church, 1310 W. 20th Street in Eudora. You will have your spirits raised and walk out in a better place than when you walked in! Because now you are singing that song in your head!