

April 28 , 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00am — Sanctuary



Rembrandt, *Baptism of the Eunuch*, 1626



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)
Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), and Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

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Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Chorale Prelude on *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Paul Leddington Wright
Alan Bullard

Tolling of the Hour

Call to Worship

From near and far, long-serving and first-timers, we enter this house together;

We want to see Jesus!

Share the good news, all are welcome in this place.

We come, drawn by grace and challenge, ready to follow in faith.

***Hymn No. 234** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

***Call to Confession**

Perhaps we have spoken words which harm another. It may be we have failed to honor another of God's children. Maybe we have let our fears, our worries, our desires come between us and God. Whatever we might have done, God waits to listen to us and offers us grace and healing. Join me as we pray together.

*Prayer of Confession

Lord of the Way, you said that where you are, your servants will be. Too often you are found in places we would rather avoid, with people we are afraid of, doing things we wish you wouldn't. Forgive our inward vision and call us to your side once again. Give us courage to live as people filled with your grace, your hope, your truth, your life. We pray in the name of the One who was obedient even to the cross and beyond to the empty tomb, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

In this place we find God's Word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the way?
In every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

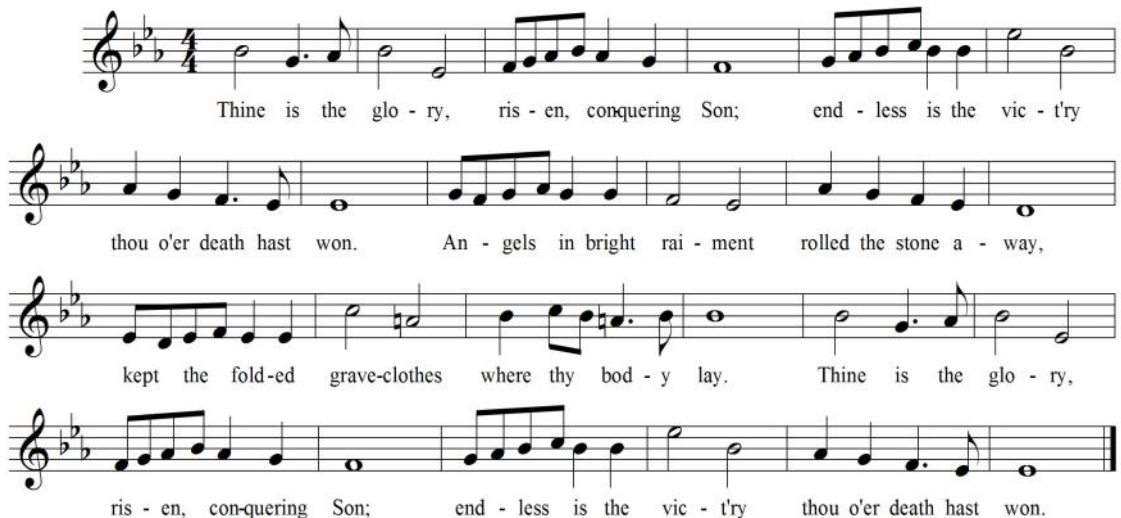
*Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

*Responsive Hymn No. 238 Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry
thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry,
ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

HEARING THE WORD

Time with Children

Anthem Love One Another

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another.

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Who's Really Being Converted?”

Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling

Recognition of Jubilee Members

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 730** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Offertory

John Ness Beck/John H. Muschick

***Responsive Hymn No. 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre -
a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn No. 246** Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Postlude in D

Healey Willan

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of loved ones by the
Franklin Johnson family

As we celebrate and recognize the FPC Jubilee classes of 1972-1974, join us for a reception will be held immediately after worship in McKay Hall. Congratulations and many thanks to our newest Jubilee members:

1972:

Phillip Davis
Hollis Freidrich
Joan Jackson
Mark Spears

1973:

Anita Chickedantz
Eric Chickedantz
Warren Mead

1974:

Nancy Bradtmiller
Nancy Cook
Richard Cook
Kenneth Dutton
Judy Hayhurst
Tom Hayhurst
Phyllis Kaiser
Phillip Mack
Eugene Mack
Dorothy Menne

Newly commissioned Stephen Ministers:

Randy Bolinger, Deborah Garrison, Tom Garrison, Elizabeth (Beth) Hague.

Previously commissioned Stephen Ministers:

Anne Barnett, Luci Foltz, Diane Haffner, Scott McMeen, Sondra Mergenthal, Fran Page, Marj Sapp, Dan Serban and Anita Wolfe.

Thank you all for your ministry !

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Carolyn Krebs, Marj Sapp

Ushers: Ron Gumbert, Tom Mettler, Judy Mettler, David Beer

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Handbell Choir: Kathy Beatty, Quinton Davis, Annie Epling, Charlotte Epling, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Kathryn Miller, Joan Pattison, and Scott Pattison, Marcie Weissner

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

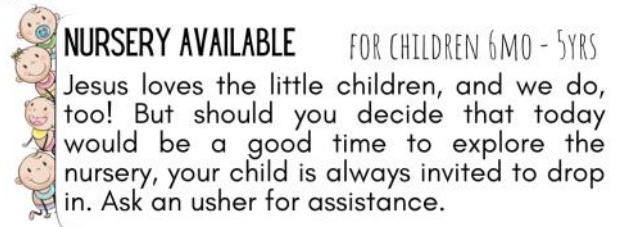
Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or after worship. You'll find copies on the table in the narthex.

MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for a lesson, craft, and, of course...Bible Bucks! YAY! Grown-ups, please pick your children up after worship.



Please return after church, so it's there next week!

Worship isn't always easy for little hands and minds to focus, so you are invited to "check out" a fidget toy-filled Busy Bag or a book from our Littles' Library, located in the narthex!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, SB
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal , MR
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 11:00am Sunday School, 210
- 12:00pm English Fellowship & Jubilee, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 1:00pm KLM Steering Committee, YR

Monday, April 29, 2024

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 6:00pm New Elders Meeting, PR

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH

Thursday, May 2, 2024

- 3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, SB

Friday, May 3, 2024

- 10:00pm Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

Sunday, May 4, 2024

- 10:00am Chancel Choir, MR
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship , CH
- 12:00pm English Fellowship & Jubilee, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

Campus Room Abbreviations

CH	Chapel	MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SDR	Small Dining Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	SR	Session Room
FO	Finance Office	NR	Nursery	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Main Kitchen	PR	Parlor	ZM	Zoom