

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5th Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion
May 7, 2023 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Hymn to Joy" M. Burkhardt
Dr. Mark Coffey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Jeanne Hilgendorf

INTROIT "It Is Well"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 667
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, for give us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623 (Red Hymnal)
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Psalm 103

SCRIPTURE LESSON No. 630
(Purple Hymnal)

*HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" 1 Peter 3:15-18

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Second Verdict Dr. Don McGarity

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

*HYMN "Jesus Remember Me" No. 227
"Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." (sung twice)

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (back of Red Hymnal)

COMMISSIONING SERVICE JAMAICAN MISSION:
Bob Bell and Ashley Bidy

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "It Is Well With My Soul" R. Lau

*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)
As we bring this offering, Father, we acknowledge that the money we do not bring is yours as well. Help us to use it as may best further your purpose and benefit our fellow human beings. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" No. 515
(Red Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

C. Phillips



Holy Communion

***Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister;
Sandi Hilgendorf, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist &
Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Marne Helberg, Rachel Poppell

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper

Notes & Announcements

- The sound team is looking for more volunteers to be sound team members. We are looking for at least three people to add to our weekly schedule. The Spring and Summer are the perfect seasons to learn and get comfortable with the soundboard. Thank you for your consideration, the Sound Team. Contact Alex Lutz for more information.
- The First Presbyterian Church Call Committee would like to bring the following nominations for the First Presbyterian Church Pastor Search Committee; Randy Speas, Juanita Ratliff, Jamie Poppell, Shona Whiddon, Emalee Gentry. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the Called Congregational Meeting on May 14, 2023.
- Christian Education Meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for May 14th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Tuckie Maulsby, Nancy Bell, Rachel Poppell
- **Liturgist** for May 14th: Dianna Sandonato
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

If you love a celebration, then May 14 is for you!

On May 14, there are many reasons that First Presbyterian Church of Perry will celebrate:

1. It is Mother's Day and the church recognizes the important role Mothers play in raising children "in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."
2. It is Senior Recognition Day. We will salute Ella Caruso, Emma Campbell and Vivian Howie for graduating as part of the Class of 2023.
3. It is a Farewell Reception for former pastor, the Rev. Larry D. Neal, and his wife Judy. Although we will miss the Neals in upcoming days, we celebrate the many good gifts they have shared with this church.

Come to worship on Sunday, May 14, at 11 a.m. Stay for a reception which follows to speak a personal word to the graduates and to the Neals.



On May 14

Baskets will hold your best wishes for '23 grads, Neals

Individual baskets will be provided to hold your best wishes for each. Please create (or purchase) a card, draw a picture, or share a photo or memory with our honored guests, and add these to the baskets for each at the reception following worship on May 14. Then take your Mother to lunch because it's Mother's Day!!



Sonshine Breakfast on May 28th at 9:30 am. Join us for Breakfast. Bring a breakfast item to share. No Sunday school.

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Continue prayers for:

Steve C, readmitted to hospital

Christine L, June E, Judy N, Jo K, Dianna & Dom, Janice M, Josh, Ed & Tommie,

Patricia L, homebound

Mary Lou B, Mayo

Visitors worshipping with us

Those grieving

Family near and far

Nursing home ministries

Prison ministries

Soup for the Soul

Pastor McGarity and family

Beach Bible Study

Amy Self, friend of our church

Sandra Ward

Many more unspoken in our hearts