



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has called us together for this time of worship. God is listening to our thoughts and our speaking.

People: God inclines an ear and hears us. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives life. Let us set our faith and hope in God.

People: In one another's presence, we renew our vows. Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

Leader: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new. God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

People: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 645

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of forgiveness is for us and for our children, for everyone whom God calls. The gift of the Holy Spirit is ours to receive. Lift up the cup of salvation every day, and call on God's name. Give thanks for the words and deeds of Jesus, who revealed God's love for us and enlists us as disciples. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 581
ANTHEM "Song of Fellowship" ~ Don Besig

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 36-49

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Embracing Joy" Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 611

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal p. 35

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS: Faye Hodges

- Kernersville Police Dept. – Camp for Kids
- Kernersville Fire Dept. – Safety Seat Program
- Crisis Control Ministries
- Next Step Ministry
- Local Schools' Student Needs Program
- Kernersville Branch Library – Purchase of Children's Books
- First Presbyterian Church – Graduating Youth Scholarship Fund
- First Presbyterian Church – Mission Team

PRAYER OF BLESSING Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** "Christ Is Alive!" No. 246

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 30)

Greeters: Kae Mattingly, Bernie Krecklow
Ushers: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald
Lay Reader: Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (May 7)

Greeters: Becky Collins, Burch Idol
Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (4/30)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service Egg Presentation
Mon (5/1)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
Tue (5/2)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Wt. Watchers
	7:00p	W&M Committee Meeting
Wed (5/3)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (5/4)		<i>National Day of Prayer</i>
	11:30p	PGA Luncheon
	1:30p	S&F Committee Meeting
	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (5/5)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (5/6)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (5/7)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Egg Presentation: The Egg Committee will present the donations to our community organizations today during worship service.

The Gathering: Please join us on Wednesday, May 10, for The Gathering at 6:00p. A light dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Crisis Control: There are several opportunities, posted on the bulletin board, to help Crisis Control. Please check these out and if you have any questions, please contact Crisis Control.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.



Please fill out prayer request cards.
This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.
Thank you for your assistance!

