



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: *Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.*

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

People: *Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 196

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for whom pain is so constant. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and became obedient to the point of death on a cross." Through his obedience we are freed from whatever bondage enslaves us. Believe the good news of the gospel...

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 "Above All" ~ M. Hayes

*Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

"The Great Contradiction"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

No. 198

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal p. 35

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Look to the Cross"

Laura White

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

***HYMN** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* No. 197

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 9—Communion)

Greeters: Bob & Donna Myers
Ushers: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald
Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush
Element Prep: Priscilla Henderson, Dottie Roudabush
Assisting Elders: Faye Hodges, Becky Collins, Kerry Kerr, Rusty Sudderth, Lynda Self

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 16)

Greeters: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Rusty Sudderth

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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 (4/9)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Mon (4/10)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
	7:00p	Stated Session
Tue (4/11)	5:00p	Wt. Watchers
Wed (4/12)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Youth Gathering
	6:00p	The Gathering
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (4/13)		<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (4/14)		<i>Good Friday</i>
		No Scheduled Church Activities
		Church Office Closed
Sat (4/15)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (4/16)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

The Gathering: Please join us on Wednesday, April 12, for The Gathering at 6:00p. A bratwurst dinner will be served immediately following the service.

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!



First Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Amy Evans, Christian Education Director
Jane Johnson, Secretary

Nancy Bolen, Choir Director
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