



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God of heaven and earth calls us together. We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

**People: *There is so much we do not know or understand. So much of God is unknown to us.***

Leader: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship. Our attention is easily diverted from God.

**People: *We want to worship the One who gives us breath. We reach for the reality beyond our knowing.***

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being. All that we have and become comes from God.

**People: *God is not limited to shrines made by us. God is everywhere present in the whole universe.***

**All: *Let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

No. 366

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we have loved you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: We are not left to struggle alone but have an Advocate who is always with us. We are not rejected, for God hears our prayers and offers us steadfast love in all circumstances. Therefore, we should not be afraid to share hope with others around us. Let us claim God's gifts of reverence and gentleness, and testify to the resurrection. Who will harm us if we are eager to do what is good? Friends, believe the good news...

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 581

**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.)*

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

**SERMON**

Rev. John Pruitt

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

No. 828

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*"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.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION**

*Drew Evans and Megan Tincher*

Ellen Watts

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

No. 318

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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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**

<b>Today</b> (5/21)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	2:30p	Personnel Committee Meeting
<b>Mon</b> (5/22)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
<b>Tue</b> (5/23)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Wt. Watchers
<b>Wed</b> (5/24)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (5/25)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
<b>Fri</b> (5/26)		No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Sat</b> (5/27)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b> (5/28)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

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**Vacation Bible School:** This year's theme is "Hero Central." VBS will begin on Monday, June 12 and end on Thursday, June 15. Check-in and dinner will begin at 5:30p and the program will end each day at 8:00p. To register, please see Amy Evans.

**Cookout:** Father's Day is June 18. To celebrate, we will hold our annual Father's Day cookout at 11:30p, immediately following worship service. For more information, please contact Amy Evans.

**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.**

**Serving Today (May 21)**

Greeters: Kae Mattingly, Rusty Sudderth  
Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon  
Lay Reader: Tom Parker

**Serving Next Sunday (May 28)**

Greeters: Norman & Lynda Self  
Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon  
Lay Reader: Marge Birmingham

**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  
Kay Sudderth, Organist