



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How awesome to gather before God! We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

People: The God of all worlds is with us. Praise God for this season of Easter.

Leader: Praise God for all the signs of new life. Praise God for all we can do together.

People: Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus. Praise God for all who share that ministry today.

Leader: Christ came to offer us abundant life. We are here today to reclaim that gift.

People: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ. We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 187

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the conditions we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us to trust you beyond these limits. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God provides for us as a good shepherd provides for a flock of sheep, seeking green pastures and still waters for us even in periods of famine and drought. In fearful times, amid loss, the Shepherd's care is always available. Surely God's goodness and mercy will restore all who give up their own pretensions in order to live in community, with glad and generous hearts. 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.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" No. 803

***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, 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.

PRAYER OF 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" No. 542

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 7)

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

Serving Next Sunday (May 14—Communion)

Greeters: Becky Collins, Burch Idol
Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen
Element Prep: Bernie Krecklow, Kay Sudderth
Assisting Elders: Bob & Donna Myers, Jean Nitkin, Priscilla Henderson, Rich Tincher

*Those who are able, please stand.

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 (5/7)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Mon (5/8)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
Tue (5/9)	10:00a	Website Committee Meeting
	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Wt. Watchers
Wed (5/10)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Youth Gathering
	6:00p	The Gathering
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (5/11)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (5/12)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (5/13)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (5/14)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>

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.



First Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Amy Evans, Christian Education Director
Jane Johnson, Secretary

Nancy Bolen, Choir Director
Kay Sudderth, Organist

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!

