

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES	
Today (05/10)	Mother's Day 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service
Monday (05/11)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due 6:30p Triad A Capella Connection 7:00p Stated Session Meeting
Wednesday (05/13)	9:00a WW Meeting 6:00p The Gathering 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Sunday (05/17)	9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service New Members 11:30a Reception for New Members

Pennies for Hunger: Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

Dollars for Missions: All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



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May 10, 2026—Sixth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

One: In God we live and move and have our being. All that we have and are comes from God.

All: *God is not limited to shrines made by us. God is everywhere present in the whole universe. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

The Gathering: We will meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to enjoy a variety of soups and salads. If you plan to attend, please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The deadline for registering is 12 noon today, Sunday, May 10.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love 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!

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

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You are not left to struggle alone. You have an Advocate who is always with you. You are not rejected. God hears your prayers and offers you steadfast love in all circumstances. Do not be afraid to hope, and to share that hope with others around you. Claim God's gifts of reverence and gentleness as you testify to the resurrection. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: *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.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Don't Quit"

Psalms 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

***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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

***HYMN NO. 697**

"Take My Life" (verses 1-4)

HENDON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 10)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Element Prep: Priscilla Henderson, Joanne Dramstad

Assisting Elders: Shari Downing, Linda Volcek,
Lynda Self, Mike Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (May 17)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

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