

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (05/17)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service Receive New Members
	11:30a	Reception for New Members
Monday (05/18)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (05/20)	9:00a	WW Meeting
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Friday (05/22)	Church Offices Closed	
Sunday (05/24)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

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 17, 2026—Seventh Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name. Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

All: God is ruler over all creation. God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.

One: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all. Listen to hear God's mighty voice.

All: This sanctuary is filled with God's presence. Here we receive power and strength from God.

One: Here we pray together for God's guidance. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

All: God draws us together as one people. We can experience eternity in the midst of time. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Those who are able, please stand.

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus' name.

(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: Let the righteous be joyful! The God of all grace cares about you and wants the very best for you, in company with all God's children. God restores, supports, and strengthens you. God establishes you as a person of worth and as a community of faithful, loving people. Individually and together, we are called to eternal glory in Christ, whose love we share. 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.

Psalm 68:1-10

All: Thanks be to God.

Acts 1:6-14

SERMON

"Making Time"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS and AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

William Comer
Thomas & Loretta Davies
Ronald & Diana Lentz
Charles & Barbara Wilson

* *"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.

PRAYERS OF THE 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

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

*HYMN NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 17)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (May 24)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

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