

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Gail Lehman, Lay Reader

Prelude "Was it a Morning Like This" Jim Croegaert
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 98) Gail Lehman

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**ALL: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**ALL: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.
Let us come joyfully into the presence of the Lord.**

*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vv. 1-3, 6) #455

*Call to Confession Gail Lehman

L: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives, let's confess our sins, first silently and then together. (*Silence*)

*Prayer of Confession

ALL: Tender God, forgive us when we practice a half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy and reaches out only to those who are like us. Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Gail Lehman

L: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and receive your Holy Word as a guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-4 Gail Lehman

Special Music, *FPC Choir*: "Down to the River to Pray" Ken Medema

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 98 Pastor Betsy

Sermon "Praise Ye the Lord!" Pastor Betsy

*Hymn "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" (insert)

*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.

Offertory "Let There be Glory and Honor and Praises" Greeneish
May/June Dollars for Mission will assist the "World Central Kitchen."

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy

Prayers of the People (Praying responsively: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dennis Dalglish

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Betsy

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

The Lord's Prayer ("debts/debtors")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Hymn: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #276

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

Postlude "Let There Be Praise" Tunney
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalglish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. Confession prayers and prayer for illumination by Carol Prickett of the Presbyterian Outlook. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH** "The Wired Word"
 Moderator: Sara Wood
 10:00 a.m. Worship-**Chapel**- Rev. Betsy Stow

Monday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**

Tuesday, May 7

Office will close at 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. Mission/Service Mtg. **M2**

Wednesday, May 8

2:00 p.m. Sharing the Journey **M2**
 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice **Sanctuary**

Thursday, May 9

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**
 11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ **El Charro Restaurant**
 2:00 p.m. CC&O Meeting **M2**
 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Hiking Club dinner **TH**

Fri, May 10

12:30 p.m. Bible Study **M2**

Sat, May 11

8:00 a.m. PM Breakfast @ **Franklin Cafe**

Sunday, May 12-Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH** "The Wired Word"
 Moderators: Jeff Gillette and Sharon Ramsey
 10:00 a.m. Worship-**Sanctuary**- Rev. Betsy Stow
 3:00 p.m. Arts Council-Piano Concert-**Sanctuary**

"**Dollars for Mission** focus for May/June will be World Central Kitchen. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Jose Andres began to work there to provide meals for those in need. This grew to World Central Kitchen where meals are provided in response to humanitarian, climate and community crises. They have provided over 350 million meals worldwide and continue to work where needed."

Weekly Offering 4/28/24	Weekly Needs
\$ 3,083.64	\$ 3,804.00
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$57,365.69	\$64,668.00

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Fred Frankland 5/6

Name Badges: If anyone needs a name badge, there is a sign up sheet in the lobby of the church. Also you can put a note in the collection plate. The cost for a badge is \$10.00.

Jim Geary is updating the **Veteran's bulletin board** in the foyer. Please contact him with any new information.

Edward Jones-Craig McManus is hosting a **seminar for women getting ready or who have recently retired.** May 15 @ 10 a.m. @ The Franklin Chamber of Commerce Hyatt Rd. Franklin. Please RSVP @ 828-524-2486 to reserve a seat.



Presbyterian Men raised \$1304.00 that will be given to 828 Vets. L to R Tom Fagg, Rev. Betsy Stow, Bill (828 Vets), Jeff Stevens.

First Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024 10:00 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

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growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God's Love***



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 Music Director: Frank Armato | Lay Reader: Gail Lehman**