

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Courtney Greene

*Call to Worship Courtney Greene

We praise God for the Lord's love and faithfulness.

God's compassion and generosity never end.

The Lord fills our lives with grace and goodness.

We worship God with our hearts, minds, and actions.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn for Mother's Day

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #645

*Call to Confession Courtney Greene

God is perfect, but God invites us to come to worship just as we are. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Merciful God, at times this past week, we were too proud to listen to your voice. We overlooked our own faults and focused on the mistakes of others. Forgive our sin. Help us to follow the example of humility that Jesus taught us. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!
 You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!
 You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Chords: Am D C D Em C Em, Em D G Am Em D E

*Assurance of Pardon Courtney Greene

Friends, our Loving God has heard our confession in the light of Christ's death and resurrection. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Sharon Hand

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich

Dear Lord, we pray that you will open our eyes to see the wonderful truth in your Word. Then guide our steps as we share the good news of Jesus' love with our words and actions. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

First Reading John 17: 1-11 Dr. Rich
p.1,070

Anthem Like A Child

Second Reading Acts 1: 6-14 Dr. Rich
p. 1,077

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Would You Be There?" Dr. Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Unison

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.

*Hymn of Discipleship Come Sing, O Church, in Joy #305

Prayers of The People Dr. Rich

The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Rich

Offertory Dr. Mary Crowell

*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 Dr. Rich

*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Courtney Greene

"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

*Hymn of Sending Take My Life #697 vs. 1-4

*Charge and Benediction Dr. Rich

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

As God's people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

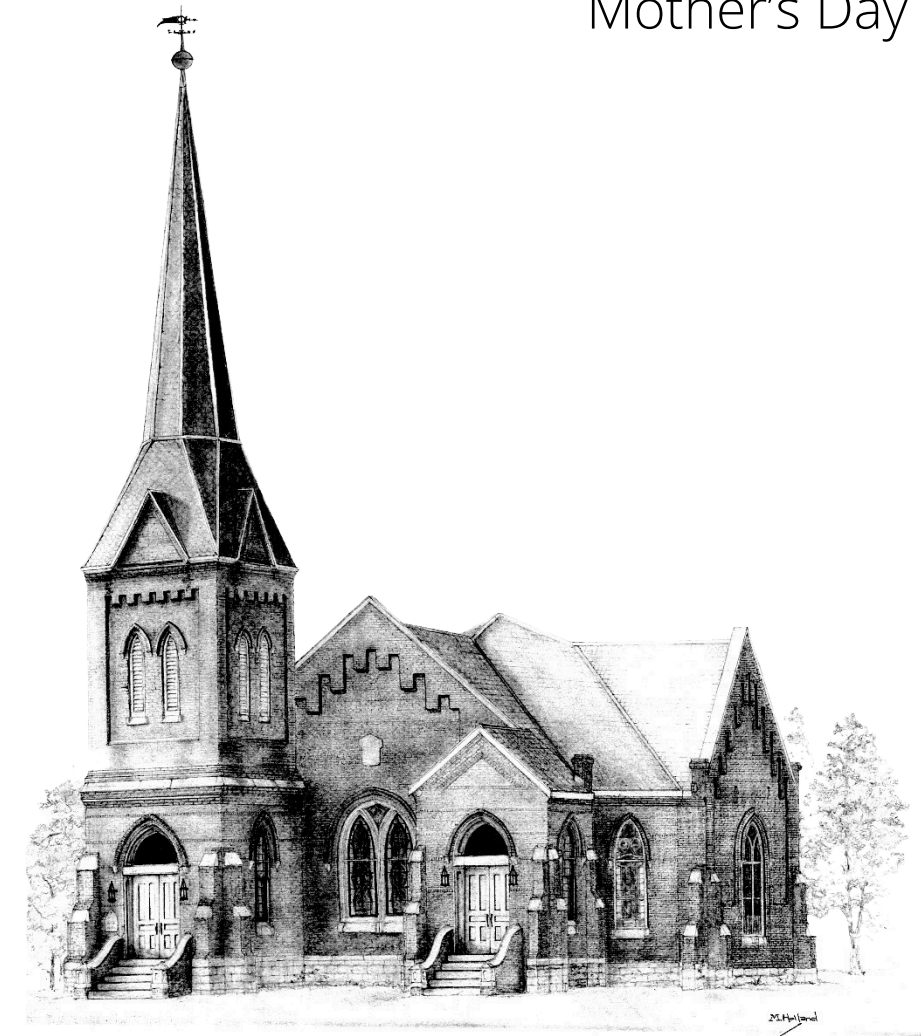
* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



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We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.

If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Doris Welch (Home) | Bonnie Chambers (Home) |
| Dean Steele | Suzanne Weeks (Healing) |
| Susie Fogg (Home) | Stephen Toney (Home) |
| Sharon Massey | Jac Catlett |
| Rene Brown (Healing) | Diane Lynn (Health) |
| Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) | Gale Cottles (Healing) |
| Debbi O'Neill (Healing) | Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes) |

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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| Brandon Noel - Army | Sean Miller - Army |
| Adam Naves - Marines | Damien Williams - Army |
| Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard | Michael Ress - USAF -AZ |
| Joshua Hargrove - Deployed | Jay Tulley- Middle East |

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
 Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
 Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
 Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
 Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
 Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
 Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
 Kierra Anderson (Friend of Gale Cottles)
 Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
 Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
 Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
 Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
 Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)
 Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
 John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
 Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
 Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)
 Cheryl Phelps (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
 Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
 Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
 Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
 Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)

Prayers for sympathy upon the Bumpus family the loss of Pam Bumpus, cousin of Michael Cottles

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

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| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
| Courtney Greene | Karan Baker | Cindy Witt |
| Don Payne | Gary Boyd | Stephen Ware |
| Jerry Witt | Stanley Hand | Tom Clem |

Trustees

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| Larry Burlingame | John Noel | Price Boyd | |
| PNC | | | |
| Hal Baker | Karla Barnes | Stanley Hand | Randi Harbin |
| Vicki Kellogg | John Noel (Chair) | Libby Shindorf | |

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Flowers

The flowers are given in celebration of her parents Paul and Barbara Border by Jane Gossett



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich

Liturgist

Elder Courtney Greene

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

May 19th- Suzanne Paysinger
May 26th - Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

May 26th- Brad Greene

Communion Prep:

June 2nd- Stephen Ware

Prayer Family

Prayers of Thanks
for all
First Presbyterian
Church Mother's