



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019 11 AM

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Shon Peppers

Ministry of Friendship

Please pass the friendship register so all may sign it; pass it back so you may become acquainted with those sitting on your pew.

Prelude

Elegy

Richard Purvis

ADORATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CONFESSION

Large print bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The **11 am service** is streamed live at www.fpcga.org and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

We give thanks to God for the musical gifts of our **Chancel Choir**, proclaiming the good news in song this morning.

The **book of Ruth** is a short but beautiful story. It does not mention God by name, but attests to God's loving kindness being present through familial relationships.

FPC is reading the entire **Bible together in 2019!** The reading plan is available through the Bible in One Year app or on the FPC website at fpcga.org. This week we are reading days 139 through 145 in the reading plan.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, that we may see the world with new and gracious eyes, that we will bring love to those places where love is needed, and that we would have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name...

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Celebration of Forgiveness

Christ Is Alive! (Hymn 246, stanza 5)

TRURO

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Time with Our Children

Rev. Lee Koontz

All children are invited to come forward. When dismissed, children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sonshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Dallas Thompson
Ruth 1:1-18
(Pew Bible page 244)

Anthem

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name.... Amen.

New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 10:11-15
(Pew Bible page 98)

Sermon

Hold On

Rev. Koontz

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer
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 at 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, concluding with *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.

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Virgil Thompson
The text and tune can be found at No. 803 in the hymnal.

*Presentation Hymn *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Unnamed Melody* Egor Grushin

TODAY'S SERVANTS
Chancel Flower Guild
Melissa McMillan, Michea Papp, The Summer Group
Sound and Lighting
Jay Fulenwider
Greeters and Ushers
Tom Reid, Head Usher;
Enow Agborsangaya,
Wilson Golden, Tracy
Lees-Grant, Maurice and
Toni Gregory; Sybil Nash,
Jeff Nylander, Dan and
Karen Schaap, Ushers; Jay
Fulenwider, Gerda Groff,
Greeters

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DALLAS THOMPSON! Dallas graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, yesterday, Saturday, May 18. The ceremony took place at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia. We were fortunate to have a group of FPC people attend the graduation in support of this wonderful accomplishment. We are very proud of her!

CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOL Year Ends
Friday, May 24



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Sunday, June 2
10am
Swetenburg Hall



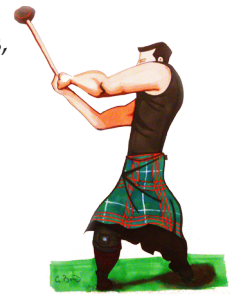
CAMPING RETREAT

June 2-7
Lake Lanier at
Bolding Mill Park

....Not a camper? Just come over by boat or car and join us for an afternoon or evening for a meal around the campfire. Call Shon Peppers for more information at 678.936.5357.

BLAIRSVILLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

E.A.G.L.E. day trip on Saturday, June 8, featuring pipes and drums, Scottish games, clans, Scottish country dancing, children's activities, and food. Entry fee \$15, plus limited bus seating \$5, and your lunch. **(Children under 12 free.)** Please see brochures at information centers.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:00am Morning Light Worship SH
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
5:00pm Chancel Ringers
6:00pm Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 20

11:00am FPC Staff Meeting CR
2:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503
6:30pm Beginners' Square Dancing Class, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts, Lakehouse

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:00am Yoga SH503
10:00am Prayer Group, Cabin 1
1:30pm Endowment Grants Cmte CR*
3:00pm Operating Budget Cmte CR*
4:00pm CDC Council M303*
5:30pm AA Group, Lake House
7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study, Dallas' Home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

12:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503
5:15pm Andrew Ministry, Cabin 1
6:00pm Long Range Planning Cmte M303*

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00am Yoga SH503
5:30pm Sons of American Revolution SH
FRIDAY, MAY 24

City and County Schools Year End

9:00am Pre-K Graduation SH

*Committee Meeting

CR-Conference Room, SH-Swetenburg Hall