

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Jonathon Haney

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-29 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Doubt

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026 (11 A.M.)

Alex Conerly and Kimberly de Fretes

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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; on 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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jacob Stephens

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

S. E. Page

O Christ, surround me. God be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me. Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me. Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears who hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

*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.*

* **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 269**

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Festive Gloria

A. D. Miller

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Perry Foote, Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Perry Foote

ACOLYTE: Bella de Fretes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHAPEL USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: John Rayl, Geoff Spiegel

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex Conerly and Kimberly de Fretes. They publicly professed their faith before our Session on Wednesday, April 22 and we celebrate their confirmation and Alex's membership in worship this morning.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen by Mort Wolfson.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Edwin A. Rinonos for his birthday, which was May 13, given by his wife, Zenaida Zapanta-Rinonos, and by his daughter, Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to his family upon the passing of Reverend Doctor J. A. Ross Mackenzie, who joined the Church Triumphant on April 24, 2026. Rev. Dr. Mackenzie was the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church from 1981 to 1990.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and gifts with the church and the world. It is unique in that 40% of our total amount received will stay here to support work with at-risk children, youth, and young adults in our community, 50% supports Presbytery ministries with youth and young adults, and 10% supports child advocacy/children at risk. Use the special envelopes in the pews now through May 24 or write "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line when you give.

TODAY, ON THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, the primary Scriptural reading is John 20:19-29. The gathering hymn, "Thine Is the Glory," connects with John 20:19-23, 27-28 and the sending hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal!," relates to John 20:19-23. On this day, we also celebrate the confirmation of Alex Conerly and Kimberly de Fretes. God's presence and protection for these confirmands is reflected in the offertory, "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me." The prelude is by Marcel Dupré, a French organist, composer, and teacher, who was titular organist at St. Sulpice in Paris and professor of organ performance and improvisation at the Paris Conservatoire. You will hear a French tune, NOËL NOUVELET, presented in three ways (1. Tune in the soprano, 2. Tune in the pedal, 3. Tune in the right hand, left hand, and feet). NOËL NOUVELET is often associated with the hymn texts "Sing We Now of Christmas" (Christmas) and "Now the Green Blade Rises" (Easter). For this Fifth Sunday of Easter, turn to hymn #247 to meditate on this Easter text.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Jed Keesling. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, Faith Thompson, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-29 (NRSV)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

Confirmation Class of 2026

Alex Conerly

Kimberly de Fretes

Alex Conerly

I believe in God the Father, the creator of all things. God is our refuge and strength, a constant presence in all of life. No matter the challenges we face, we can trust in God's guidance and lean on His wisdom. God's power is limitless, yet gentle, reaching into every part of our lives. I believe that through prayer and faith, we can experience God's help and direction every day.

Kim de Fretes

I believe in Jesus Christ, who's God's only Son and our Lord. I believe him not just because of the stories that people tell me, but the great impact that he has put in my life and his background story from what I learned in confirmation class . . . this isn't just a bunch of things that I need to memorize for a test in class. To me the things I've learned will help me and guide me to what I believe and want to be. It covers that past (creation), the present, and the future (eternal life).

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

1. Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer, "I do."
2. Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace? If so, answer, "I do."
3. Do you declare your intention to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church? If so, answer, "I do, with God's help."



Noteworthy Sponsor

On Saturday, June 20, children, youth, and adults from our church will board a charter bus and travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2026 Worship and Music Conference. The theme of this year's conference is *Who'll be a Witness?* Please support our Montreators by becoming a Noteworthy Sponsor. Place a check in the offering plate with the memo "Montreat Noteworthy Sponsor," or mail a check to the church office. Thank you for your continued support!



Summer Choir

This year, the Summer Choir will sing Sunday, May 17 & 31 and June 7, 14, 21, and 28. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary, immediately preceding worship. Being aware of summer schedules, it is not necessary for members of the Summer Choir to attend every summer Sunday. The anthems are selected to match the abilities of those present. Join us! For more information, please contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org.



Save the Date - Church Growth Workshop on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Would you like to see our church grow? Are you willing to share your time, energy, imagination, intelligence, and love to make that happen? John Fong, Presbytery Church Growth Consultant, will lead a Zoom workshop on May 20 for our congregation and will share real insights from churches within our presbytery. Learn how to help our church grow and reach more members of our community. Contact the church office with questions or to RSVP at communications@1stpc.org.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or click the link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.


Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.** for our televised broadcast  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org

There are a myriad of ways to get involved at First Presbyterian Church, in addition to participating in committee work. Please prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do for our church this next year. This could include volunteering with different local missions opportunities, working with our children and youth, teaching an adult CE class, leading a small group Bible Study or prayer group, or decorating for the holidays. Please reach out to the church office directly if one or more of these opportunities speaks to you and your strengths.

Committee Synopsis

The purpose of the **Art, Architecture, and Archives Committee** is to enhance the worshiping life of the church through the development of settings that contribute to a heightened sense of the presence of God among us.

The **Budget and Finance Committee** shall ensure that all funds of the church are properly received, accounted for, and disbursed and ensure that the financial information required by the various functions of the church is available.

The **Christian Education Committee** provides for the spiritual formation of adults and children through a variety of different experiences including regular classes and special events.

The **College Committee**, along with the Director of College Ministry, manages the church's college ministry.

The **Congregational Care Committee** assists the Session and ministers in shepherding and caring for those in need, the sick, and the distressed of the congregation.

Duties of **Congregational Nominating Committee** members are to nominate Elders, Deacons, Trustees, members of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and search committees for ordained ministers. Committee members are elected for one year and can serve up to three succeeding years.

The **Food Service Committee** shall assist the ministers and staff in maintaining a kitchen which complies with the state and county Departments of Health.

The **Funeral/Memorial Service Reception Committee** will plan, prepare/procure, and serve food and beverages for funeral receptions.

The **Global Missions Committee** offers opportunities for FPC members to use their time, talent, or treasure to serve God through meeting the physical and spiritual needs of His people throughout the world.

The **Human Resources Committee** supports and counsels all employees of the church. The committee also represents the Session to the employees, the employees to the Session, and the employees to each other.

The **Local Mission and Service Committee** offers opportunities to the congregation to provide time and commodities to those in need locally in our community.

The **LOGOS Committee** organizes and implements our children and youth mid-week ministry (3-year-olds through high school.)

The **Membership Committee** is charged with making visitors and prospective members feel welcome and informed about opportunities to grow in a relationship with God through the activities of the church.

The **Memorial Gifts Committee** accepts and oversees expenditures from all undesignated memorial gifts.

The **Montreat Committee** plans the annual trip to Montreat, North Carolina, for the Worship and Music Conference, for those active in the music program at First Presbyterian Church.

The **Planned Giving Committee** serves alongside the Stewardship Committee to encourage the congregation to remember the church in financial planning, both now and in wills and estate plans.

The **Presbyterian Women's** organization of First Presbyterian Church is an independent organization, which has its own budget made up of voluntary contributions, elects its own officers with the approval of the Session, and plans its own programs and activities.

The **Preschool Committee's** purpose is to oversee the curriculum, plans, expenses, employment, compensation, and over-all activities pertaining to the Christian and educational growth of the children enrolled.

The **Property, Grounds, and Facilities Committee** is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of the church's property, which includes the buildings and their contents, the equipment needed for their functioning, and their exterior grounds.

The **Session Nominating Committee** prepares slates of candidates for commission chairs, committee chairs, committee members, task force members, or other entities which may be created by the Session.

The **Stewardship Committee** seeks to strengthen the commitment of time, talent, and financial resources of the membership in support of the work of the body of Christ, in particular reference to the service and work of First Presbyterian Church.

The **Worship Committee** shall assist the Session and ministers in planning and evaluating worship services in keeping with congregational needs, fidelity to the Scriptures and Book of Confessions, and guidelines in the Book of Order of PCUSA.

The **Young Adult Ministry Committee** serves alongside the Director of Young Adult Ministry with a focus on adults who are out of college through those who have not transitioned to empty nesters.

Youth Connection Committee organizes food, fun, and fellowship for the youth of First Presbyterian Church grades 7-12.

Ministries & Staff

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Preschool Director

LISA HERSHKOWITZ - preschool@1stpc.org

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. **Contact:** Victoria Bernard - toraleighb@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are excused from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith on Sundays during the school year. **Contact:** Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry during the school year with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. **Contact:** Bev Vloedman dvloedman@aol.com

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12. (see **YA&FM** contact)

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

Director of College Ministry

JONATHAN HANEY - college@1stpc.org

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry

FRED LUNDY - youngadult@1stpc.org

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 3, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 7 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 6:1-16 - Jenny C - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Confirmation & Stewardship

Monday, May 4, 2026

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Local Missions
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lovers PW Bible Study - Parlor
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com

Thursday, May 7, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Off Campus

Friday, May 8, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Preschool Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Stewardship & Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 8 - Elizabeth Bolton - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 6:17-26 - Rose Anna R. - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall