

# Worship this Morning

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
THE LORD'S SUPPER



### Welcome!

*This is the day the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

## Sunday, April 21



*Do This in  
Remembrance of Me*

*Early Worship  
The Lord's Supper  
(8:30)*

*The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Ordination & Installation of Officers  
The Lord's Supper  
(11:00)*



### Evening Prayer

**Mondays  
6:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Sanctuary**

### Wednesday Fellowship Supper

**April 24 at 5:30 pm**

**Menu:**

- Creamy Chicken Enchiladas
- Southwest Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing
- Chips & Salsa
- Dessert: Pound Cake with Strawberries & Whipped Cream
- Tea & Water



### YOUTH ADVENTURE DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

*Camp Grier - Old Fort, NC*

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS



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INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

### ANNUAL Church Picnic

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

Following 11:00 Worship

**REGISTER BY  
FRIDAY, MAY 3**



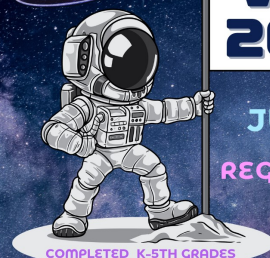
### SENIOR SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**11:00 Worship**

A breakfast for graduates, their families,  
and their wrappers will be at 10:00 a.m.  
Please RSVP to Lee Wooden by May 12.

STELLAR  
SPACE MISSION TRAINING



COMPLETED K-5TH GRADES

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### VBS 2024

**JUNE 3-6**

**REGISTER NOW!**



# First Presbyterian Church

“EARLY @ 8:30 WORSHIP”

Prelude

Call to Worship — Prayer

\*Hymn 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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- 1) *Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*
- 2) *Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!*
- 3) *Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. Yet we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. Have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of Your promises to us in Baptism, so we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

\*Words of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*Congregational Response

*The First Song of Isaiah*

*Surely, it is God who saves me; Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid. I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And He will be my Savior. And He will be my Savior.*

\*Welcome — \*Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements — “FPC Sewing Group”  
Children’s Sermon

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.

Afterward, children are invited to Sunday School in the *Library* and return for *The Lord’s Supper*.

Offertory

Pastor: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said: “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*”

All: We give Thee but Thine own, what-e’er the gift may be;  
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

Scripture — Sermon

“A Second Chance”

Sam Warner

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper — Words of Invitation — The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*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.

\*Benediction — \*Postlude

## UNISON READING

### READER

Please join me in the *Unison Prayer for Illumination*. Let us pray.

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### READER

Our Unison Reading is *Psalms 23*. Join with me.

### UNISON READING

<sup>1</sup> **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup> **he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

### READER

Our next Reading is from *The Gospel of John*, Chapter 21, verses 1 through 14.

### *Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "*I am going fishing.*" They said to him, "*We will go with you.*" They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "*Children, you have no fish, have you?*" They answered him, "*No.*" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "*Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.*" So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "*It is the Lord!*" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "*Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.*" <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "*Come and have breakfast.*" Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "*Who are you?*" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

### PASTOR

Our final Scripture Reading is from *The Gospel of John*, Chapter 21, verses 15 through 19.

### *Jesus and Peter*

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "*Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?*" He said to him, "*Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.*" Jesus said to him, "*Feed my lambs.*" <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "*Simon son of John, do you love me?*" He said to him, "*Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.*" Jesus said to him, "*Tend my sheep.*" <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "*Simon son of John, do you love me?*" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "*Do you love me?*" And he said to him, "*Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.*" Jesus said to him, "*Feed my sheep.*" <sup>18</sup>*Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.*" <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "*Follow me.*"



# DONATE BLOOD

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Tuesday, May 7**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
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