

Worship this Morning

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOURTH SUNDAY LOOSE OFFERING



Welcome!

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



Sunday, April 28



Loose Offering

*Early Worship
Fourth Sunday Loose Offering
(8:30)*

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday Loose Offering
(11:00)*



EVENING PRAYER

MONDAYS 6:00 - 6:30 PM

IN THE SANCTUARY

Wednesday Fellowship Supper

May 1 at 5:30 pm

Menu:

- Sub Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomato, and Pickles
- Chips
- Fresh Fruit
- Kids: Grilled Cheese
- Dessert: Ice Cream Sandwich
- 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



Children's Ministry Sunday

Sunday, May 5
During 11:00 Worship



Confirmation Sunday

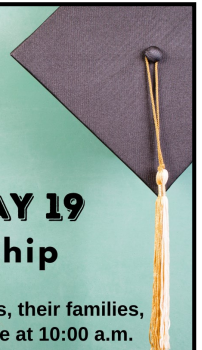
SUNDAY, MAY 12
11:00 WORSHIP

Breakfast at 9:30 am for Confirmands & Parents,
Mentors & Session Members. RSVP by May 8th.

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.



First Presbyterian Church

“EARLY @ 8:30 WORSHIP”

Prelude — Call to Worship — Prayer

*Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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- 1) *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*
- 2) *Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*
- 3) *Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*
- 4) *Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*Prayer of Confession

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, for we long to be together within Your gates. Yet even heaven cannot contain You, much less this house which we call home. You reside beyond these walls, and You know our thoughts from afar. Our shortcomings are ever before You, and our sins invade Your presence. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we know that unless You are the builder, we labor in vain. Surround us with Your steadfast love, and forgive all our transgressions. May our lives witness to Your presence with us, so we may bring honor to You, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

<i>Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And He will be my Savior.</i>	<i>Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And He will be my Savior.</i>
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*Welcome — *Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements

Children's Sermon

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.
Afterward, children are invited to Sunday School in the *Library*.

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.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People — 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.

Scripture — Sermon

“*No Fear In Love*”

Daria Ragan

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.

*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 *I Corinthians*, Chapter 13, verses 1 through 8a. Join with me.

UNISON READING

- ¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**
- ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.**
- ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.**
- ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant**
- ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;**
- ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**
- ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**
- ⁸Love never ends.**

SCRIPTURE READING

READER

Our next Reading is from *The Gospel of John*, Chapter 15, verses 1 through 8.

Jesus the True Vine

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^s my disciples.

PASTOR

Our final Scripture Reading is from *I John*, Chapter 4, verses 7 through 21.

God Is Love

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



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