



6th Sunday of Easter

MAY 5, 2024 ~ 10:55 A.M.

Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

organized 1873 ... a member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

a family of believers seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel to the community and the world

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND 10:55 A.M.

PRELUDE & †SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

LET US USE THIS TIME OF MUSIC AND PRAYER TO INVITE GOD'S SPIRIT TO OPEN US TO HIS PRESENCE

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 98:1-9

*HYMN #26

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

READ RESPONSIVELY

1 JOHN 5:1-3

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

†CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYED TOGETHER

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

PLEASE CONTINUE IN SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READ RESPONSIVELY

1 JOHN 5:4-6

Every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. Who can win this battle against the world?

Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood.

And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

HYMN #107*CHRIST BE MY LEADER**

SLANE

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

SAID TOGETHER

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN, AGE 3 - 2ND GRADE, DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
PARENTS MAY COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE

THE MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

THE MORNING OFFERING & OFFERTORY***HYMN #809****DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**THE GOSPEL LESSON****JOHN 15:9-17****THE SERMON*****HYMN #670****RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD**

FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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Worship Notes

Musicians - Kathryn Tucker & Jack Criswell

Acolytes - Renea Tyler & Marley Carter

Lay Reader - Mary McAlister

Audio Visual - Tim Pague, Russ & Benn Robertson

Nursery: birth - age 2 - Martha Camden upstairs nursery during the Worship hour

Children's Church: age 3 - 2nd Grade - Lynn Chaplin downstairs during the Worship hour

Next Sunday, May 12, Ascension Sunday- the scheduled texts are:

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47:1-9, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Communion ... We customarily celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. The next observance is planned for next Sunday, May 12.

Announcements

Join us following worship today for a Cinco de Mayo Feast.

Prayer & Bible Study: Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. ... We'll begin with a time of prayer for those things that weigh upon our hearts, our homes, communities, nation and the world. We'll then dive deep into Jesus' description of the Kingdom of God and what it means to follow him. **We'll study Matthew 5-7 together.** Plan to join us - bring your Bible, a notebook, and a friend.

EPC Women's Bible Study - the Book of Hebrews ... We have just started a new study, using the book Better, a Study Guide for the Book of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin. We are now meeting at the church in the Fellowship Hall every other Thursday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. A significant time commitment is required for at-home study and preparation, but we have found it to be very beneficial for growing in our faith and knowledge of the Bible. We've also enjoyed growing closer together through prayer and fellowship in this small group. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Brenda Meredith** for a schedule and information about purchasing a book. You can reach Brenda at: (434) 509-3003 text & voice or email her at brendameredith@comcast.net.

Catherine May and Mark Schetrompf
were joined in marriage here yesterday evening.

We rejoice with them and their families
and pray God's richest blessings upon their union.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Calendar This Week

Sun May 5	Cinco de Mayo luncheon David & Jamie Tucker's Anniversary
Mon May 6	Malcolm & Rachel Wills' Anniversary
Tue May 7	7 p.m. Sermon on the Mount Bible Study
Thu May 9	10 a.m. EPC Women's Bible Study
Sun May 12	Happy Mother's Day! Jimmy & Lauren McLaughlin's Anniversary

Attendance Numbers

Sunday	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
Apr 28	12	53
Apr 21	18	62
Apr 14	15	49
Apr 7	11	55

2024 Stewardship Report (Totals do not include Special Mission)

rounding may cause amounts to be off by +/- \$1

Budget	Current Expenses	Mission	Special Mission	2¢-a-meal	Building Fund	Totals <small>(C, Mission, BF)</small>
Weekly Need	2,885	393	n/a	n/a	0	3,278
Offering Last Week	1,660	465	0	0	0	2,125
Year To Date	55,896	8,170	1,580	712	1,750	65,816
Ahead/ (Behind) for Year	6,854	1,488	n/a	n/a	1,750	10,092

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Valeria Allen: *a series of procedures to address severe back pain* • 1737 Cedar Gate Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572

Sawyer Harris: *brain tumor, loss of hearing, back on chemo* • David Harris' nephew • 3550 Sterling Rd., Roanoke VA 24014

Randall Harris: *heart issues being monitored and treated with Rx* • 287 Dogwood Dr., Madison Heights VA 24572

John Herman: *inner ear balance dysfunction - blurred vision, dizziness* • 121 Sage Ln., Madison Heights VA 24572

Tom Moore: *chemotherapy* • 967 Elon Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572

Faye O'Brien: *thanks for your prayers!* • 225 Serenity Dr., Monroe VA 24574

Jordan Pieklik (Brian): *baby now due May 17* • H. L. & Heather Allen's daughter, Valeria Allen's granddaughter

Malcolm Wills: *cancer has decreased significantly!* • 2002 Elon Rd., Madison Heights, VA 24572

All: *whose lives and families are being affected by drug addiction*

HOMEBOUND • EXTENDED CARE • THERAPY • REHAB

Edward Allen: *at home* • Bettie Sue Jennings' brother; Valeria Allen's brother in law

Starke Camden: *at home* • 106 Village Park Ct. Lynchburg VA 24501

Eleanor Campbell: *Fairmont Crossing* • 173 Brockman Park Dr., Rm 122, Amherst, VA 24521

Shelby Campbell: *at home* • 703 Winesap Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572

Brenda Carroll: *therapy for blood cancer* • Mildred Riley's sister

Bonnie Johnson: *at her daughter's home* • c/o Kim Darrah, 906 N Shore Drive W., Sunset Beach NC 28468

Sally Johnson: *at home* • 367 Johns Creek Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572

Betty Loving: *at home* • 718 Cedar Gate Rd., Monroe VA 24574

Russell Riley: *symptoms of POEMS* • 368 Camden Dr., Madison Heights VA 24572

Dot Stinnette: *Forest Health & Rehab* • Vicky Harris' aunt. • 2406 Atherholt Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24501

Janet Thomas: *Westminster Canterbury, Rm 332* • 501 VES Rd., Lynchburg VA 24503

Andrea Tomlin: *oral chemotherapy for breast cancer* • Pam Turner's sister

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Hymn Lyrics

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
to all people in distress.

Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;
all our hopes and fears he knows.

In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

CHRIST BE MY LEADER

Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.

Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.

Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!