

First  
Presbyterian  
Church



**Service for the Lord's Day**  
*Fifth Sunday in Easter*

ON THE SQUARE LEWISBURG, TN

*Eleven O'clock*

*May 15, 2022*

*As we gather, let us welcome one another, just as God has welcomed us all in Jesus Christ!*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**    *Let us prepare ourselves for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*"O Rest in the Lord"*

*(Felix Mendelssohn)*

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist & Pianist

Robert Montgomery

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

*from Psalm 100*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.**

Kings of earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN: # 238**

**"Thine is the Glory"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

O Lord God, in your great mercy,

**Hear our prayers.**

You know our hearts, and you know our sins.

**You are right in all your judgments, and we confess that we have sinned.**

In whatever ways our words and actions have grieved you or we have harmed or neglected our neighbors,

**We ask for your forgiveness and for your Holy Spirit to help us become better followers of Jesus.**

Renew your gifts in us and grant us new joy in serving others,

**That we may rejoice with you in the new creation of all things. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PIANO SOLO:**

**"Give Me Jesus"**

*(arr. Jay Rouse)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Acts 11: 1-18**

*New Revised Standard Version*

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Response after the Reading:* Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

**Revelation 21: 1-6**

*New Revised Standard Version*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

#### SERMON

#### THE WELCOME OF JESUS CHRIST

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

*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.*

#### \*HYMN: # 724

**"O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER, 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.*

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND CALL TO SERVICE

*Thank you for your donations to this church through the collection plates at the doors of the sanctuary and through the mail.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 592

*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.*

### \*BENEDICTION:

**POSTLUDE:** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (arr. Mary McDonald)

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*\*The congregation is invited to stand together, as each is able.*

## On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Families of Mary Ann Clift and Margaret Sanders • Barbara Wright • Lawrence Moorehead (Hugh's father) • Jim Goodman • John Goodman • Lois Purcell • Melissa Eason • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Kim Walls • Micah McClendon • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Cathy Whitmore • Jim & Roxie Gibson • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Nadia & Family (Ukraine) • Elaine (Jeff Hewitt's friend) • Joe Henegar & Marsha Sharp • Avery Jackson (newborn) • Gene Roberson (Robbie's father) • Elizabeth Shulov (9 years old) • Robbie McDaniel

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**May Birthdays:** Cooper Moorehead-1 • Bob Phillips-1 • Colin Harris-4 • Wicky Lawrie-4 • Cameron Coble-5 • Re Kelso -9 • Jayce Pickle- 10 • Nancy Johnson-11 • Faris Phillips-12 • Hugh Moorehead-12 • John Hursh-12 • Kirk Kelso - 13 • Robert Newberry-19 • Edwina Thomas-27

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## Announcements and Reminders

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Please mark **Sunday, June 12, 2022**, on your calendar as "175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming." Our next planning meeting is **THIS Tuesday, May 17, 4 PM**, in the church library. In the meantime...

**Please help us with a count for the meal on June 12<sup>th</sup>.** Please fill out the card in today's bulletin and drop it in one of the collection plates in the front or rear of the sanctuary—or please call or email the church office and let us know if you plan to come and how many will be coming with you.

**"Save the Date" Invitation Cards** are on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. Please take some and hand-deliver or mail them to anyone with past ties to this church or to people you would like to introduce to our congregation.

**In His Image Baby Bottle Fund-raiser** Baby bottles are available for you to use to collect money or make a donation. Please return by Father's Day, June 19.

**NaCoMe Donation Reminder:** You can give your donation through the church or send it directly to NaCoMe. Information is on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee** will meet this Thursday, May 19, at First Presbyterian of Franklin. This will be the first in-person presbytery meeting since 2020. Emily Kelso and Darlene Roberson will be commissioners to the meeting for our church, and Elinor Foster will be officially recognized as Moderator-in-Nomination for the presbytery.

**Just to let you know...**the session is working on some needs around the church building that will require added expenses. Air conditioning units for the McMillion-Lawrie Building need repair or replacement, and the hot water heater for the main building must be replaced. And we are hoping to receive a quote on the cost of a new handicapped entrance at the rear of the church as soon as possible.

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**Information to Join Our Services from Home**

- **Option 1:** *Join to listen by phone (audio only)*  
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**  
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549**, Press # as a participant, if asked  
When it asks for a Password: **372**
- **Option 2:** *Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:*  
Go to **www.Zoom.com**  
Click "**Join a Meeting**" near the top of the screen  
*Zoom may ask permission to install software on your computer. That is normal.*  
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549** Password/Passcode: **372**

You can also join via Facebook Live through our website: [www.fpclewisburg.org](http://www.fpclewisburg.org).