

The 6th Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024  
11:00 am  
**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

PRELUDE                    "Love Lifted Me"                    *Dr. Renee Huff*  
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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                    *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #765                    "Song of Hope"

WORDS OF PRAISE                    **Psalm 98**                    *Stephany Morgan*

O sing to the LORD a new song,  
**For God has done marvelous things.**  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
**The world and those who live in it.**  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
**Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence  
of the LORD,**  
For God is coming to judge the earth.  
**The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and  
the peoples with equity.**

\*OPENING HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we approach you today aware of our own  
shortcomings in this world. Move within us once again,  
forming the minds of your faithful people into a single will.  
Make us love what you command, and desire what you  
promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts  
may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**      "7-Fold Amen"      *Choir*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **1 John 1:1-10**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      "What We Have Seen"      *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #521**      "In Remembrance of Me"

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      "Look and Live"      *Choir*

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**\*DOXOLOGY #606**      *Old Hundredth*

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**      "Holy, Holy, Holy"      **Hymnal #559**

**Lord's Prayer**      *Hymnal pg. 35*

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing in the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #625** "How Great Thou Art"

**\*BLESSING & SENDING**

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever.  
Go now out into the world to love and serve the Lord.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Irish Blessing"

*Dr. Renee Huff*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEEKING CONGREGATIONAL FEEDBACK** Our church luncheon and Town Hall were held last Sunday, April 28. For those who aren't aware, a presentation was made regarding the future direction of our church. An email was sent regarding your feelings on how we move into the next chapter of First Presbyterian. We ask everyone to please share with anyone else in the congregation and to please share your comments with members of the Session prior to our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Your feedback is most appreciated. Thank you!

**HOME GOODS COMMUNITY PANTRY—DONATIONS NEEDED** Our Home Goods Community Pantry will be open on Wednesday, May 15. Financial and product donations are always welcomed.

Our pantry is undoubtedly fulfilling a need in our community, and demand is high. Due to this demand, donations are needed more than ever.

If you wish to donate items, there is a donation basket outside of the sanctuary for your convenience. Items needed are listed in the April newsletter. Thanks for your generosity!

**BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY!** Please come to our weekly Bible discussion class on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00am in the library. Pastor Jeff will lead with the book of Acts.

**Prayer List**

Please send out prayers for: Judy; Bret Ritchie; Mona Tate; Sherry Cox's sister Tommie Sue Schindler; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Justin Tate; David Klein (brother-in law of Scott & Sharon Wilson); Joanne Lam; family of Frank McDonough

*Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.*

*Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

**Elders**

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