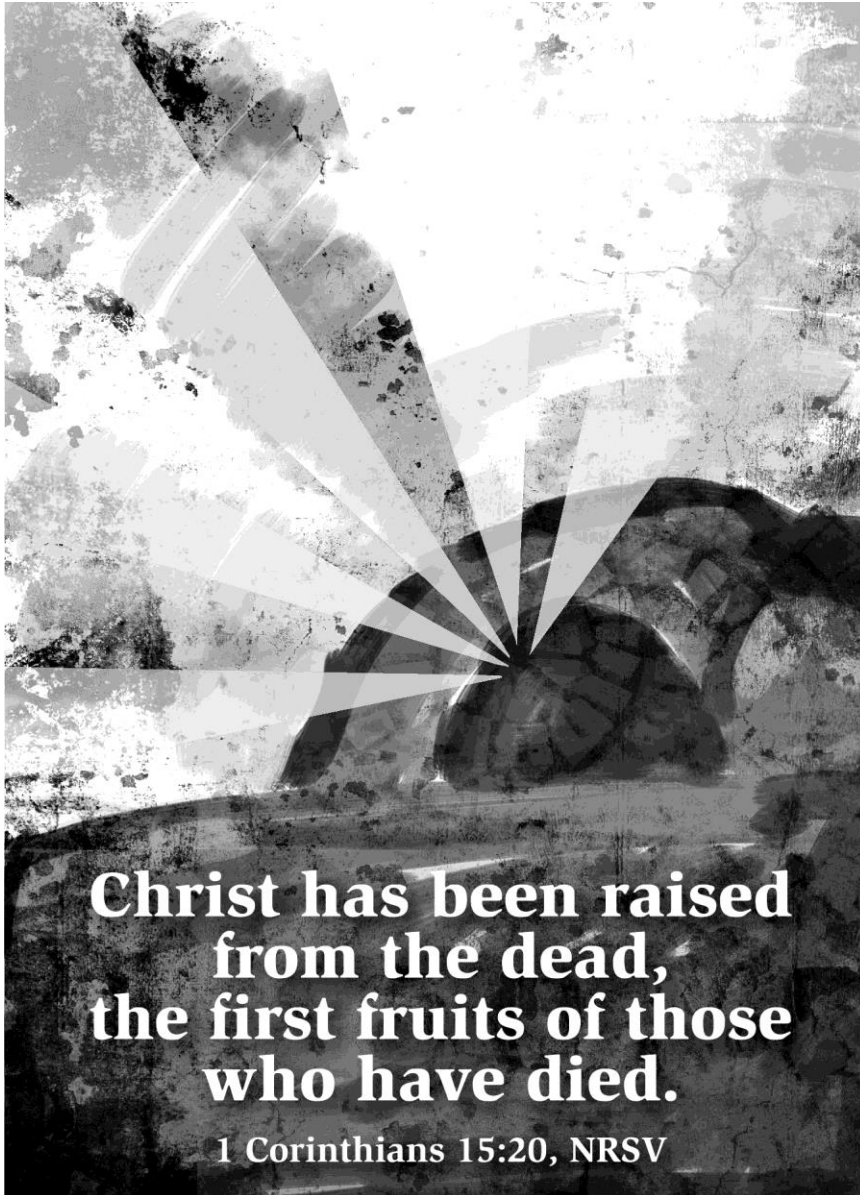


# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



**Christ has been raised  
from the dead,  
the first fruits of those  
who have died.**

**1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV**

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May 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

## WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Little Ones:** Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m.

**Godly Play and Godly Play Choir:** Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children. Today the children and youth will help during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Faith Formation in the Great Room Kitchen, preparing for our Community Dinner.

## WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

*As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.*

Prelude	<i>the peace may be exchanged,</i> from Rubrics	Dan Locklair
Choral Introit	Be Not Afraid	Jacques Berthier
	<i>Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!</i>	

### \* Call to Worship/Opening Words

New every morning is God's love for us.

**New every day is our opportunity to practice gratitude for what we have,**

To seek ways to heal the world,

**And to draw closer to our Creator.**

So let us worship God.

* Hymn #260	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	HYFRYDOL
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\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when we fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.**

**When we hoard your gifts,**

**When we say, "that's mine,"**

**When we ignore the bounty around us,**

**When we are blind to the good,**

**Forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* Grateful Response

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

*Send down the fire of your justice, Send down the rains of your love;  
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and make us the people of God.  
Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love; Give us hearts that sing,  
Give us deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love.  
Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace; Give us hearts that feel,  
Give us hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your peace.  
Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us righteous souls,  
'Til your justice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your truth.  
Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ;  
May your holy light Keep us shining bright, Ever shine with the presence of Christ.*

## Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Lesson

### Isaiah 55:10-13

### Pew Bible page 598

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Power of "but"

Rev. Jessica Commeret

\* Hymn #819

Be Still, My Soul

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Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Everett Titcomb

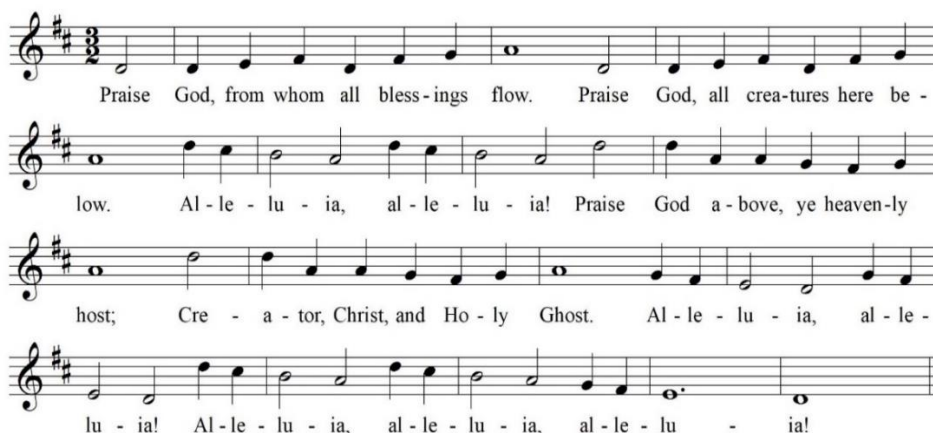
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

\* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



\* Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

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.**



A - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## Messages for Our Life in Community

\* Hymn #852      When the Lord Redeems the Very Least      I'LL FLY AWAY

\* Benediction

Postlude      Come, Christians, Join to Sing      arr. Lloyd Larson

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

**Lay Reader:** PJ Milligan

**Director of Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

**Musicians:** FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford;  
Desra Dabney, flute

**A/V Technician:** Robbie Riffle

**The flowers for worship** are given by Richard Deerhake in loving memory of Jacob.

**Get Connected!** Scan the code to read our weekly Connections Newsletter.



## Announcements

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Faith Formation:** Who Me? Presbyterian?! Join Leslee Kirkconnell for a second week of exploring some of our denomination's more interesting 'facets.' Fellowship Hall.

**Community Dinner:** Today from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Children and youth should go to the Great Room kitchen following worship to help prepare and serve our meal. Please join us following 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour so we can extend extravagant hospitality to our community!

**Mobile Pantry** is May 18. Sign up outside the office to help us assemble and give food boxes to our community, 7:30-10:30 a.m. See Katie Abbott with questions.

**It's a Party! A Pentecost Brunch Party!** Next Sunday, May 19, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brunch potluck dish (breakfast casserole, fruit, biscuits, anything breakfast-y) and join us for delicious fellowship and some Pentecost fun. Wear red!

**Fine Arts Camp Registration is OPEN!** Scan the code or visit our website to register your rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade child. July 29-August 3, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.




**The Gift of Music Offering:** Next Sunday, May 19, a special offering for the music ministry will be taken. You can find envelopes in the pews. Your financial gifts contribute to the flourishing of this ministry by having guest musicians for our services, special music and special programs. Please give generously!

**We need YOU! Sign Up** to be a greeter, lay reader or to provide flowers for worship. All enhance our time together and are great for families, singles, couples! Find the sign-up sheets outside the office.



**Our First Outdoor Worship** for the summer will be May 26. Dress casually and bring your chairs (we will have chairs available also). We will worship outdoors on the last Sunday each month in May, June, July and August.

**Graduation Sunday!** We will recognize our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 26. Please let Leslee Kirkconnell know if you have a graduate so we can honor their achievement.



**Summer News & Views** will be published before the end of May. All information your committee wants included should be to Leslee Kirkconnell by tomorrow, **Monday, May 13.**




1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,





thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;


Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.


This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.




1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,  
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -  
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -  
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,



joyce.  
 joyce, will re-joyce.

When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,  
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,  
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,  
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

*Refrain*



we will re-joyce. We will re-  
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

What does it mean to pray “thy kingdom come”? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God’s reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.  
 joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

We will re-joyce!  
 days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

To the right is a QR Code. You can open the camera on your smartphone and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate.



## LITURGICAL ART

**First Presbyterian Church** follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. Traditionally various colors are used for each season. THE EASTER SEASON is a period of 50 days, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The colors are WHITE AND GOLD, symbolizing joy and celebration, renewal and hope. The banners and pulpit and lectern paraments, completed in 2005, were designed by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The banner on the pulpit side portrays the new light of Easter and the banner on the lectern side portrays our response to the good news of resurrection: Alleluia! These themes are continued on both pulpit and lectern paraments. The butterfly in the chancel represents the Risen Christ and was created in 2017 by Don Beck, a member of our congregation whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church during all seasons of the liturgical year. The large white Paschal Candle is used to represent the Risen Christ, dispelling darkness during this season, as well as for baptisms and funeral/memorial services during the year. The colors white and gold are also used for ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, the first Sunday of November, symbolizing the joy of the “communion of saints” both on earth and in glory.

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