



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2009

10:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that He has testified to His Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made Him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

I John 5:9-13

#### VOLUNTARY

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates!  
Fred Gaul, organist

*arr. Edward Eicker/Fred Gaul*

#### MARKING OF THE HOUR

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine  
(See insert)

*Kendrick*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

\*RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Lemmel*

Turn your eyes u-pon Je - sus. Look full in His won-der - ful face, —  
and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His glo-ry and grace. —

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Leader: O Christ, You are the Good News! You alone are our Judge,  
yet You suffered shame and death to be one of us.

All: Christ, You died for us.

Leader: In Your rising, You said “No!” to the powers of darkness, so that we might live in the light.

All: Christ, You rose for us.

Leader: In Your ascension, You said “Yes!” to all who call upon You.

All: Christ, You reign in power for us.

Leader: We do not call upon Your power, and yet,

All: Christ, You pray for us.

Leader: Forgive us, and fill us anew with Your creating life that our new lives might point to You.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Barbara Hopta

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew’s end, and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Barbara Hopta

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.



The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Foundations

arr. Joseph Martin

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee. O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him. Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that He will be found. Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely. Let us love each other too. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Let us love and pray for others ‘til our God makes all things new. Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
Then He’ll call us home to heaven. At His table we’ll sit down. What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around. To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Geneva Choir; Beverly Haskell and Mary Odin, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:1-6, Pew Bible, NT, p. 6

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Safe People

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING

The Day of Resurrection

HYMN 118 v. 1

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory!*

\*VOLUNTARY

Festival Prelude on “Lancashire”  
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

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• Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please  
• accompany children.  
• Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114  
• Elder Visitation: Larry Kerr, Pam Kuyk, Kay Lamb, Jim McCain  
• The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Charles L. Woody and family for the glory of God and in loving  
• memory of Kathryn Alexander Woody.  
• Greeters today are: Mary Craig, Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Naomi Krieg

PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.  
THANK YOU!

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