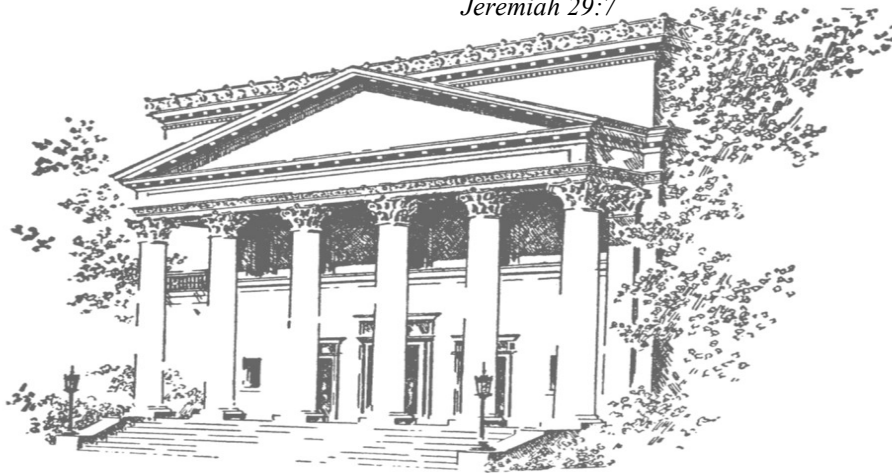


*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf*

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

*We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all without reserve, And spread Christ's liberating word.
The Church of Christ in Every Age*

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This morning we welcome the University of Pikeville Chamber Singers, sharing in worship with us.

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| PRELUDE | Toccata in C Major | Johann Pachelbel |
| INTROIT | Sing On! Dance On! O, brethren ain't you happy? You followers of the Lamb. O, sisters... Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel! Sing on, dance on, followers of the Lamb! | Christopher Aspaas |
| | I mean to be obedient, you followers of the Lamb! I'm glad I am a Shaker... | |

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Mitchell

One: Sing to our God a new song.
All: **For God has done marvelous things!**
One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
All: **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.
All: **Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: God does not reject our prayers. God does not refuse to love us. Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves.
All: **God's love is steadfast. Let us lift our prayers to God.**

God of all hope and joy,
We confess that we continue to live in fear.
In Christ, you claim us as children,
But we disobey your commands.
In Christ, you even call us friends,
But we have not been faithful to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of your Spirit
help us to abide in your love
and share that love with others.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.
All: **This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:44-48 (NT p. 130)

John Mitchell

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

City Called Heaven
I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this old wide world alone!
I ain't got no hope for tomorrow
I'm trying to make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven,
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.
I heard of a city called heaven,
I'm trying to make heaven my home.

Josephine Poellintz

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17 (NT p. 109)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Pastor Myers
(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

SERMON Pastor Myers
"An Alternative to a Culture of Arrogance"

*HYMN #203 CHEREPONI
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS Pastor Macy

MINUTE FOR MISSION Karen Scherr
Scatter to Serve

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Macy
Offertory Roger G. Lentz
Like a Shining Light

I like a shining light will brighten the world.
Brighten the lonely with friendship, brighten the painful with comfort,
Brighten the anger with calmness, brighten despair with hope;
Brighten the taking with giving, brighten the doubting with trusting,
Brighten the evil with goodness, brighten the hatred with love!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(insert)* Pastor Myers & Pastor Macy

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The Ground

Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi.
Dona nobis pacem.

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of God.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.*

This morning we share the bread and the cup together, gathered and scattered, united in Christ at the Table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Filled with your Spirit help us who have shared Christ's body and received this cup, to be Christ's faithful disciples so our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #769 FOR EVERYONE BORN
For Everyone Born

*BENEDICTION Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE Dietrich Buxtehude
Praeludium in C Major

Our worship continues in our service to others.

Immediately following the postlude, the University of Pikeville Chamber singers will perform a brief 10-15 minute concert at the front of the sanctuary.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
The Rev. Marietta Macy
John Mitchell

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist

The University of Pikeville Chamber Singers

Dr. Eric Rutherford, director

Michelle Rutherford, accompanist

Soprano: AllenaMae Dodd, Julia Underwood, Beth Middleton, Hannah Justice, Isabella Coleman,
Amanda Tharp

Alto: Zoe Howard, Baylee Mize, Alanya Coleman, Ashley Dodson, Emily Becthel, Rachel Rutherford

Tenor: Elathan Bowling, Ethan Hobson, Michael Underwood, Evan Pugh, Parker Hutchinson

Bass: Amy Smallwood, Aaron Watson, Logan Blackburn, Christian Blackburn

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell

Greeters: John Mitchell, Micki Black

Kiley and Jack Mitchell

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell

Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

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