Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service

May 2, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Children's Choir Practice Wednesday 5:00 P.M.

Adult Choir Practice Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME

We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

… May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

INTROIT **"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us tell everyone of God's words!
PEOPLE: **Truly God is good to those who are faithful.**
PASTOR: We have made God our refuge.
PEOPLE: **In this kingdom, we are more than guests.**
PASTOR: Farther along, we'll know all about it.
PEOPLE: **Farther along, we'll understand why.**
PASTOR: Let us get up and go!
PEOPLE: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN **"I Danced in the Morning" st. 1,4,5** **No. 157**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, you have paved a path for us to follow—yet we often find ourselves lost. It is clear to us that we should follow you; however, we are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray. We confess that we do not always live up to our beliefs. We do not always live into the unity of the church. Forgive us, God, and guide us back to you. Allow us to be washed over by your unconditional love, so that we can mend the breaches. Forgive us so that we can overflow with joy as you've called us to do, in the church and in the world that you created. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

… In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA **"Glory Be to the Father"** **No. 581**

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, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Feed Us, Lord"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:7-21

…The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40

…The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Get Up and Go!

HYMN **"Come to the Table of Grace" st. 1,3,5** **No. 507**

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of love…
Come to the table of joy…

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was 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.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

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.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise…

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" st. 1,2 No. 525

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **"Let Us Break Bread Together" st. 3** **No. 525**

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope and safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

Prayer Requests

We have several members and friends that are in need of our thoughts and our prayers. Please add them, or keep them on, your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Pray with thanks for those who are healing!

- **Wynona Brown**—She will be having tests Monday. Please pray for good results as well as healing and recovery.
- **Swinney Family**—Continued prayers for great progress for Oaklee.
- **Brenda Hail & Bowman Hail**—Keep Brenda and the family in your prayers as medical issues are being handled and as progress is being made.
- **Susan Hampton** (close friend of Brenda Hail)—Please pray for Susan, as she was diagnosed with breast cancer and will be pursuing treatment.
- **Caroline Robinson**—Caroline's health is continuing to improve and she thanks her church for the prayers that have helped her. Continue to pray for her.
- **Lea Green**—Pray for Lea's continued healing.
- **The Burns Family**—Please pray for Bob Burns and family.
- **The Putman Family**—Please pray for Bill Putman and family.
- **The First Presbyterian Church of London**—Please keep the church staff, volunteers, and the whole church family in your prayers during this time. We want to think and pray about every member of our First Presbyterian family. Everyone needs a prayer, even if they don't know it!

The **First Presbyterian Church Youth Choir** will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00PM until 6:00. Please join us for this wonderful addition to our church service. Hear the word and songs of joy and worship from our youth. (Special spoiler alert – be ready for a beautiful song sung on **Mother's Day!)**

<u>The Adult Choir will be meeting Wednesday's
at 7:00 P.M. for practice in the sanctuary.
Masks and social distancing will be observed.</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED!!!!

- Adult Class- Richard Webb will lead a 6-week study called "The Lord's Prayer"
- Middle/High Class will be led by Barb Plymire
- Elementary Class will be led by Betsy York
- Preschool/Kindergarten class will be led by Debbie Crawford and Karen Jewell

Big THANK YOU to these teachers plus the backup teachers- Melanie Callahan, Judy Sturgeon, Trish Hardin and Sam Grigsby.

**If you are interested in leading an adult study, please let Karen Jewell know so you may be added to calendar.

***** *If you might be interested in learning how to use our audio/visual equipment and helping with the Sunday Worship Service you can contact Richard Webb at 606-260-0256 to schedule a time. Be a part of this wonderful ministry to all that worship with us, either in person on our Facebook page.*

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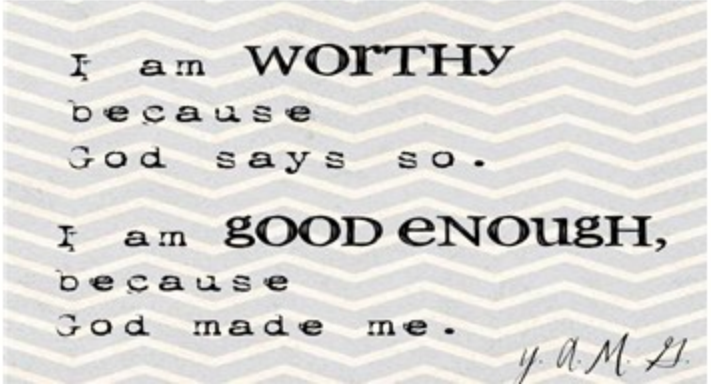
May Birthdays

5th Steven Burns
8th Mike Bowling
9th Brenda Hail
11th Brody "Jack" Robinson
17th Zono Howard
18th Emma Senters
20th Preston Farmer
21st Moses Gray
22nd Karin de la Peña
23rd T.C. Collins
24th Lyla Grace Kelley-St.John
26th Griffin Ryan
28th John Cornelius,
29th Mykie Howard

Anniversaries

23rd Bill and Glenna Collins

Session Members Representing Each Committee:

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Fellowship/Membership: Debbie Crawford, Larry Gray, Michael Pratt
Finance/Personnel: Diane Bowling, Zono Howard
Missions: Larry Gray, Judy Sturgeon
Worship/Music: John Cornelius, Zono Howard