

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Variations on a Galliard* Scheidt

Words of Welcome Tom Halbert

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalm 67)*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**People: May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

* Hymn 469

Morning Has Broken

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* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace and glory, the wideness of your mercy extends beyond all we could even imagine. In kindness you have drawn us to yourself, claiming us who were far from you as your own beloved people. Yet we refuse mercy to those who offend us, to those who differ from us, to those we deem unlovely or unworthy.

Forgive our rush to judgments; by your Spirit, tenderize our hearts, so that we would show mercy to others, even as we have received mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Members**The Word of God**

First Lesson Acts 16: 9-15

Second Lesson Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!Anthem *Thanks Be to God* Curry

Children's Message

* Gospel Lesson John 14: 23-29

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Response of the People

* The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

* Hymn 359

More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Ricercar in C Major* Frescobaldi

* Doxology Hymn 592

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 368 AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I've Got Peace Like a River

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude *God's Only Son Arose from Death* J. S. Bach

Lay Reader: Becky Burris

Deepest Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill and Nancy Hamby and family upon the death of their grandson, Daniel Hamby, who died on Monday, May 7th.

Pot Luck Dinner: The Member Care Committee is sponsoring a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a favorite recipe (enough for 10 to 12 people) and join the fellowship.

Correction: The May issue of *SteepleTalk* should have read that the Silent Auction is **May 27th** and donated items should be received in the office by **May 20th**.

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to Barth and Darlene Barnhart who joined our congregation by letter of transfer today.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	9:30 am	Morning Sewing Group
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
	4:00 pm	Knitting Group
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Member Care Supper
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	57	Offering	\$	5,581.00
Sunday School	43	Weekly Need		5,185.00
Sanctuary Service	78	Through Mar.		65,948.06

The Church Session

Pat Climer, Clerk of Session

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Suanne Bone	Charles Bradshaw	Richard Hartwell
Tom Halbert	Pat Climer	Richard Pellerin
David Howell	Ken Hawkins	Mary Ellen O'Neil
Hugo Sandoval	Gwynn Lanius	Roy Wauford

The Board of Deacons

Lesley Jacobson, Moderator

Loyce Bradshaw	Doug Bone	Judy Denney
James Herren	Jennifer Breland	David Foutch
Lesley Jacobson	Faye Brown	Judy Leonard
Karen Jump	Becky Burris	Justin Taylor

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
 Gary Scott, Organist
 Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
 Branson Clark, Music Director
 Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
 Tracey Hay, Treasurer
 Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director

Prayer Concerns

Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Barbara Simborski
Alex & Stacy Quarles	Bob Taylor	Billy Joe Ferrell
Archie McKinnis	Debbie McClure	Maclynn Crawford
Bobby Nokes	Debra LeCompte	Elizah Patterson
Melvin Stratman	Carey Mathis	Sara Thompson
Carl & Juanita Ennis	Cecilia White	Juanita Rhodes
Virginia Hofstetter	Eugene Graves	Ronnie Walsworth
Charles Cowden Sr.	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Claudine Prowell	Wayne Reeder	Debbie York
Barry & Polly Tatum	Sherry Arnold	Sherry Easterly
Donald & Kay Follis	Donald Eschbach	Johnny Keel
Ed Newton	Kathy Eckler	Stan Williams
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Mary H. Averitt	Racheal Dugger	Deborah Dugger
Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Jeremy Stubblefield	Al Johnson	Ricky Lambert
Ken Poley	Lisa Newman	George Donnell
John & Betty Freeman	Aubrey Roney	Marjorie Nabbe
John Angles	Valerie Eblin	Joseph Clemons
Julie Stephens	Lisa Fletcher	Christi Dalton
Max Taylor	Eddie Watters	Phillip Robertson
Mechelle Bass	Nancy Gamble	Sean Barber
Thayer & Alice Smith	Jim Key	Erik Schultz
Ryan & Shelly Sharp	Kaye Clark	Robert Bone
Capt. William Jones	Larry Patton	Chris Jump
Anne Slagle	Carlotta Steverson	Freddy Bandy
Daniel Hamby Family		Orris & Patsy Waggoner

Military

Chris Bowhannan	Jason Nolley	Lee Smith
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Jaymon Bell
Kevin Alseys
Luke Baker
Matthew Ash
Nancy Boyd
Scott Bass
Stewart Beaumont

David Midgett
Noah Evans
Matthew Humes
Kyle Flanagan
Michael O'Neil
Kyle Kaker
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