

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Mendelssohn

Sonata IV in B-Flat Major (III - Allegretto)

Words of Welcome

Introit *Rejoice In the Lord Always*

* Call to Worship

(Psalms 22: 25-31)

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

* Hymn 469

Morning Has Broken

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* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of our Life, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found abundant life. We confess that we keep this good news to ourselves; neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed his saving goodness. We have failed to show and tell the love by which we so richly live.

Forgive us for denying the divine love and power in which we live, move, and have our being. Quicken us by your Holy Spirit, in all that we say and do, to bear faithful witness to the love, mercy, and justice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word of God

Children's Message

First Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

Second Lesson

1 John 4: 7-21

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

At Home, Let There Be Love

Schram

* Gospel Lesson

John 15: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Dr. Cheetham

“Mothers Who Make a Difference”

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Zachau

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

* Doxology

Hymn 592

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 392

Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord

HALL

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Reichel

Lay Reader:

Pat Bone

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Brittany Ring and Derrick Way here in the sanctuary yesterday.

Presbyterians Today, the award-winning general-interest magazine of PCUSA, has articles about Presbyterian people, beliefs and mission. Group rate subscriptions can be ordered through the church office.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	The Gospel of Thomas Study
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary	54	Offering	\$ 6,383.00
Christian Ed	59	Weekly Need	5,354.00
Sanctuary Service	99	Through Mar.	69,141.00

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: At the Congregational Meeting on May 10, the following were elected to serve as members-at-large on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Margaret Carroll, Raymond Hurd, Brooke Nagy, and Mark Sanders. Other members of the committee are Pat Climer, Brenda Thaxton, and James Herren.

Wilson County Help Center Baby Shower: The Help Center is in need of baby items. Mother's Day is just around the corner. We can provide help and support for mothers in need. Please bring new or gently used items to the Fellowship Hall. We will also accept cash donations that would be used to purchase items to compliment what is collected.

Thank You to everyone who donated DVDs for The Wilson County Library. They were appreciated.

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Don Denney	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	John Freeman
Mary Helen Averitt	Eddie Ferrell	Ken Tyree
Margaret Patton Sharp	Linda Hyland	Billy Joe Ferrell
Sherry Arnold	Aubrey Roney	Julie Pepper
Darlene Black	Norma Johnson	Sheleah Jensen
Debbie Harston	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Malcolm Sloan
Harry Stewart	Ramona Dennis	Fran Moscardelli
Greta Baty	Debbie Brinner	Tornado Victims
Debbie Sharp	Jim Robbins	Jan Hyder
Jerry Pentecost	Donna Goliher	George Donnell
Carol Roberts	Charles Cowden Sr.	Thomas Bombich
Marjorie Nabbe	Ricky Lambert	Maclynn Crawford
Family of Tom Chambers		

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	Bayson Keyes	James Scott
Luke Baker	Mike Matthys	Jeff Scott
Blake Beckman	David Midgett	Jeremy Scott
Jaymon Bell	Jason Nolley	Jason Sellars
Kent Cardwell	Jason Redmon	Lee Smith

The Church Session

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanus

The Board of Deacons

Lesley Jacobson, Moderator

Jon Baker
Carolyn Beard
Mary Ellen O'Neil
Deborah Sanders

Loyce Bradshaw
James Herren
Lesley Jacobson
Karen Jump

Jennifer Breland
Faye Brown
Becky Burris
Alex Quarles

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
Gary Scott, Organist
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