

We received donations amounting to \$407 for the fire victims of the Woodmoor Condominiums. Those funds are being converted to gift cards and distributed directly to those who lost their homes. There were ten units destroyed on April 8th, belonging to two couples and eight single residents (with two of the single residents requesting that their funds go to the others who they felt had more need). Thank you for being a part of this community outreach!



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MAY 21, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination with the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. All this is gathered up in that emotion which most cleanses us from selfishness because it is the most selfless of all emotions – adoration. *William Temple*

TO OUR VISITORS

We rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It would be our pleasure to further welcome you. Feel free to join us in any of our services or other church activities. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church. The pastor offers prospective-member orientations periodically throughout the year, particularly as people express an interest. If you are interested in learning more about First Church, membership here and what it means to be Presbyterian, please contact the church office at 816-252-6662. Additionally, Pastor Carlson would be happy to visit with you following the service or any time at your convenience and is eager to help you with any questions or needs you may have. May the fellowship we share strengthen the ties that bind us together in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Back-support pillows, large print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, and Children's Activity Packets are available from the ushers. Please turn off your cell phone.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dave Carlson
Director of Christian Education/Children, Youth & Adults	Melissa Roe-Wilson
Music Director/Praise Director	Nicole Murray
Organist	Glenna Hagelin
Sexton/Custodian	Merry Oliphant
Secretary	Brooke Roskop

THE CALENDAR – TODAY, MAY 21, 2023

Sunday school	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Reception to Celebrate Debbie	11:30 a.m.
Becky Schubert, Piano Recital	1:00-5:00 p.m.

Today’s scripture readings: Lamentations 3:22-26 (p.p. 751,752)
 Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 188)

THIS WEEK

Christian Education Committee Meeting	(Cmte. Rm.) Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
New Life Committee Meeting	(Zoom) Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal with Refreshments	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Movie & Lunch ChristCare Small Group	(TBD) Thursday, 1: 00 p.m.
TOPS weight-loss program	(WH) Thursday, 7:00-11:00 a.m.
Divine Design Craft Group	(Craft Rm) Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Pentecost Sunday	
Sunday school	9:15 a.m.
Worship (Noisy Offering)	10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Bonnie Walker – Home
Phil Stringfield - VA Hospital Kansas City
Ellie Royal – St. Mary’s Hospital

The flowers in the sanctuary were given in loving memory of Helen Ries.

We are having a **Card Shower for Debbie Sullivan** in the Parlour following worship today, May 21 to celebrate her retirement after more than 11 years as the Church Office Secretary. Please plan to attend or send a card to thank Debbie and let her know she will be missed. **Brooke Roskop has joined the staff as Church Office Secretary**, overlapping with Debbie for training and orientation prior to Debbie’s retirement on May 26. Please stop by or call during weekday office hours to introduce yourself and welcome Brooke to our church family.

Every year on **Pentecost Sunday**, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come children, youth, and the young adults. Collection envelopes will be available on May 28, Pentecost Sunday.

The Summer Forum will begin Sunday, June 4 and conclude on August 27 offering 13 sessions about “Shaken” by Tim Tebow, “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado and “The Parables of Jesus” by various writers. For more details and to sign up to be a facilitator, please see the poster in the Parlour and the presentation on the church website: <https://www.fpcindep.org/weekly-announcements.html>

Sing with the Adult Choir! Summer Choir Sundays are a time to sing with friends and assist with worship in a more relaxed way. We will meet at 9:50 in the sanctuary to rehearse an easy choir anthem prior to the 10:30 service. We will not wear robes. We would love to have you join us, whether it is one Sunday or several! The Summer Choir Sundays will be June 11th & 25th, July 9th & 23rd, and August 6th & 20th. Please talk with a choir member or contact Nicole Murray (816-519-0364 or queenofcoasters@gmail.com) for more information.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN Melissa Roe-Wilson
(see music sheet in pew)

***HYMN** *Spirit, Open My Heart* No. 692

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for all that spoils our lives. Forgive us because though we have seen a vision of your holiness, we have easily put it at the back of our minds.

Forgive us because we think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that place has been bought for us at great cost by Christ. Forgive us for not following the example of so many worthy saints who have gone before us. We tend to put them high on a shelf and forget to follow their lead. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call, and thus assure us of our forgiveness in Christ. (Silent prayer and confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** (*Glory to God*) (see music sheet in pew) No. 581

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lamentations 3:22-26 pages 751,752

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 page 188

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Hope, Riches & Power" Rev. Dave Carlson

**All who are able may stand*

WE RESPOND IN JOY AND GRATITUDE

ANTHEM *Jubilate Deo (Sing Joyfully to God)* Dale Wood
Chancel Choir

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and 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. Amen.**

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory *Offertory in E-flat Major* Gustav A. Merk
*Doxology (*Praise to God*) (see music sheet in pew) No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** *Our Hope, Our Life* No. 847

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Let Every Creature Rise* arr. R. Aarons
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in E-flat Major* John Zundel

**All who are able may stand*

***universal*

The Peace Candle on the communion table is a reminder for us to pray for world peace. We invite visitors to ask the ushers for a peace candle and an explanation of its origin, and to pass it on to the church of your choice.

LITURGIST
Vicky Larkin

TODAY'S GREETER
Emily Hollembaek

NEXT WEEK'S GREETER
Jane Cogan

USHERS TODAY
Dana Taylor,
Bruce Roe and
Nancy Ehrlich

USHERS NEXT WEEK
Bill & Jill Esry and
Bruce Roe

ATTENDANCE- May 14	Worship -	65
	YouTube Live stream -	7
	YouTube recording/views -	31
	Children & Youth Sunday school classes -	5
	Saints Alive class -	11

May CHARACTERPLUS TRAIT: Self-Control

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Ezek. 3:16-27 Eph. 2:1-10 Matt. 10:24-33, 40-42	Ezek. 4:1-17 Heb. 6:1-12 Luke 9:51-62	Ezek. 7:10-15, 23b-27 Heb. 6:13-20 Luke 10:1-17	Ezek. 11:14-25 Heb. 7:1-17 Luke 10:17-24
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 Heb. 7:18-28 Luke 10:25-37	Ezek. 34:17-31 Heb. 8:1-13 Luke 10:38-42	Ezek. 43:1-12 Heb. 9:1-14 Luke 11:14-23	

WE GATHER IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

PRELUDE	<i>Praeludium, Op.37, No.2</i>	Arthur H. Bird
INTROIT	<i>O Risen Christ</i>	arr. R. Shephard Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come gather in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.
Many: We are here, and in our worship, we yearn for hope and comfort.
 One: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.
Many: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.
 One: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.
Many: Here we are the people of God.
 One: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	No. 260
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*see music sheet in pew*)
(You may use "debts," "trespasses" or "sins" as you feel accustomed or led.)
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.

**All who are able may stand*