

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his love from me.

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 71, Refrain*)

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure— defense, and he will be my Savior.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS (11:00) Susan Scholl

PRESENTATION OF 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (11:00) Pete Allen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 25 OT*) Genesis 28:10-19a

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 137 NT*) Acts 17:22-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Wade in the Water* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
(8:45) Casey McCollough, (11:00) Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their family in the sanctuary.

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

SERMON *A Universal Quest* Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Jacques Berthier
(8:45) Casey McCollough, (11:00) Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING COLLECT

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Colvin

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (11:00) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Lead On, O King Eternal* arr. Van Denman Thompson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Brian Ratzler, (11:00) Roger Foltz
** Deacon - (8:45) Michael Lee, (11:00) Holly Smith
Acolyte - (11:00) Bailey Romine

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

We congratulate our **graduating seniors**—Nathan Edling, Caleb Ho, Roshini Jesudas, and Callie Portillo—who are being recognized today. The whole congregation is invited to a reception, honoring our seniors, in Wilbanks Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Today's Schedule - May 21

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:10 p.m. - Reception for Graduating Seniors
5:00 p.m. - Meeting (mandatory) of those going on the Mission Trip

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - May 28

7:30 a.m. Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service honoring our nation and those who serve it
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m. - "Picnic Style" Luncheon in Wilbanks Hall, with the Heritage Brass Band

Next Sunday we are having our annual **worship service honoring the nation** of which we are proud to be a part. There is a "picnic style" luncheon following the 11:00 service. The church will provide fried chicken, bread, and drinks, and church members are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Luncheon will be accompanied by the **Heritage Brass Band**, which so many enjoyed during last year's luncheon.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



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May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY (8:45)	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>	arr. Dan Edwards
(11:00)	<i>Joyful Fanfare</i> <i>Jubilate Ringers</i>	Nancy A. Norman
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	R. Vaughan Williams
(8:45) Casey McCollough, (11:00) Chancel Choir		

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, John 15:16*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Jesus said: You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*PSALM 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, and let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

(The Psalm continues inside...)