

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule - May 28

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:10 p.m. - "Picnic style" Luncheon with Military-style Band

The Church Office will be **closed on Monday** in observance of Memorial Day.

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - June 4 (Pentecost Sunday)

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

A Special Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, which benefits Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services . . . one of our regular Benevolences.



Sign up for Vacation Bible School begins today at the table in the back hall. You and someone you know would profit from being here June 25-29.

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 28, 2017

7th 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, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. The Music Director will indicate the appropriate time to stand for the hymns. Let us worship God!*

VOLUNTARY *America the Beautiful* arr. Smith

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 62:8*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you led people to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed our heritage by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive the pride that prevents us from seeing our own shortcoming. Forgive the divisions caused by prejudice and greed. Have mercy on the heart of this great land. Help us to be compassionate, fair, and helpful to each others. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (*Hymn 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.**

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.

*ANTHEM (11:00) *The Star Spangled Banner* National Anthem

READING (11:00) *from The Inaugural Address* John F. Kennedy

ANTHEM (11:00) *Salute to the Armed Forces* arr. Wyrzten
*If you served in any branch of the armed services,
you are invited to **stand** as the theme of your branch is sung.*

SCRIPTURE # (*Pew Bible, p. 881, OT - 11:00*) Zechariah 4:5-6

ANTHEM *This Is My Country* arr. Ringwald

READING (11:00) *The Gettysburg Address* Abraham Lincoln

ANTHEM (11:00) *Wade in the Water* arr. Schram

SCRIPTURE # (*Pew Bible, p. 393, OT*) II Chronicles 7:14-18a

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION AND THOSE WHO SERVE IT

Merciful God, ruler of all the peoples on earth: we pray your forgiveness for any of our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to that fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (*The prayers continue...*)

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.

ANTHEM *Soon-Ah Will Be Done* Dawson

SCRIPTURE # (*Pew Bible, page 118, NT*) Acts 1:6-14

SERMON *Next Question* Harry C. Meissner

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *An American Tribute* Wagner
Chancel Choir

*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 337 (*verses 1,4*) *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY *Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Matt Armstrong, (11:00) Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey

** Deacon - (8:45) Sherry Futrell, (11:00) David Starnes
Acolyte - Campbell Futrell

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Eric and Lori Schwartz in honor and celebration of their 3rd Wedding Anniversary.