



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor

Becky May, liturgist

April 6, 2025

### Prelude

Andrew Morris, organist

### Welcome and Announcements

**Friendship Pads:** Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

**Cards of Encouragement:** Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

### Introit

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
HOLY MANNA

Chancel Choir  
Adrian Hartsough, director  
Andrew Morris, organist

### Call To Worship

One: "God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light".

**All: God didn't build a light-generating apparatus but instead spoke light into being.**

One: Then God did the same for the sky, the land, the seas, the plants, the animals and even humankind itself.

**All: On each day of creation, God spoke a truly creative word.**

One: The prophet Isaiah tells us God insists that "my word ... shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it"

**All: The Lord doesn't have to make a distinction between deeds and words. For God, words are deeds; God's words actually accomplish his goals.**

One: John tells us God's "Word became flesh and lived among us"

**All: No longer limited to speech, God's Word actually takes human form, becomes incarnate and begins to walk among us as a living and breathing expression of God's grace and truth.**

One: Let us worship God

### \* Hymn of Praise

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
ROYAL OAK

*Glory to God #20*

### \* Call To Confession

Becky May, liturgist

One: How reluctant we are to answer the call to confession. Quickly we turn our thoughts to something else instead of faithfully assessing where we have been and what we have done. As we speedily disconnect ourselves from advertising calls, so too do we want to disconnect from admitting our shortcomings to God. But our God is a loving God and listens with love. Let us therefore open our hearts and let God in. Let us pray:

### \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Becky May, liturgist

**Merciful Savior, we are short-sighted and forgetful, and we are sorry. With a word you created all that is, and your word still has power to deliver us from storms of doubt and fear. But, we fail to call on you. We rely on our own resources rather than trust yours. We muddle along in weakness, forgetting how readily available to us is your strength. Deliver us, gracious God. Calm the storm within us by being our peace, and renew us in love and trust. For the sake of Christ, we pray.**

### \* Silent Prayers of Confession

### \* Pouring the Water

### \* Words of Forgiveness

Becky May, liturgist

One: You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. Amen.

\* **Passing the Peace** Becky May, liturgist  
One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
*(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

\* **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory Be to the Father*  
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

### Children's Moment

**Prayer of Illumination** Becky May, liturgist  
**Interrupt us, O God, with your presence. Intrude upon our preoccupation, our restlessness, our discontent and our boredom that we might center our hearts and minds on your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Amen.**

**Hebrew Bible Reading** Isaiah 55:9-12 Becky May, liturgist

**Special Music** *La Lègère* Joy Laird, flute  
GIOSEFFO FIOCCO (1690 – 1760) Paul Laird, cello

**Gospel Reading** John 1:1-14

**Sermon** *"Episode 4: God Speaks"* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

**Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* **Glory to God #291**

**Minute for Mission** One Great Hour of Sharing Paul Romine

### Call To Offering

**Offering** *I've Just Seen Jesus* Chancel Choir  
Words and Music by Bill Gaither, Gloria Gaither, & Danny Daniels Adrian Hartsough, director  
Nick Robertson, arr. Andrew Morris, organist

\* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
*Praise God all creatures here below*  
*Praise God above ye heav'nly host*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

### \* Prayer of Dedication

#### Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Words of institution**

**Communion of the People**

As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup.  
You will partake of communion at the front and then return to your seats by the south aisle.  
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.

#### Prayer of the People and 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

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

\* Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
LET US BREAK BREAD

*Glory to God #525*

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

\* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

## Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at [firstpreslawrence@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreslawrence@gmail.com)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership please talk to Pastor Helen.

## Prayer List

### *Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- Prayers for Myron Shipley as he receives treatment for cancer.
- **First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke**, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Kelly Grube** is traveling between Lawrence and the Mayo Clinic in preparation for surgery the end of April. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- **Alisa Stucky** is asking for prayers in support of her Mother's health. Her mother is **Ruthanne Stucky**.
- **Jenny Skridulis Vellon**, a former member of FPC, had breast cancer surgery recently. She will rest for a few weeks before starting radiation.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Prayer for our local community organizations struggling with loss of funding including LINK, Bert**

Nash, and Haskell, and we expect to hear about more in the coming days. Lord, hear our prayer.

- **Liz Cloutman** is receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- **Prayer for our local community organizations struggling with loss of funding including LINK, Bert Nash, and Haskell**, and we expect to hear about more in the coming days. Lord, hear our prayer.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- **Prayers for the Care Center, LINK, and Bert Nash** who are experiencing a loss of funding.

## Deacon Family Groups - 2025

A-Ca	Deborah Norwood	N-Q	Sandy Groene
Ce-Do	Joyce Carroll	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Lucille Eggenberger	SI-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

## Sunday Helpers

**Ushers:** Mark and Diana Schoneweis, Larry Maxey, Larry Schlosser

**Greeters:** Eva Alley, Linda Watts

**South Door Greeter:** Judy Wilson

**Offering:** Eric Fischer, Marilyn Heikes

**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson

**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Linda Longino

**Communion Servers:** Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, Cherie Elo, Marilyn Heikes, Jim Rumsey, Larry Schlosser, Lucille Eggenberger

## Birthdays in the Congregation

April 7	April 10	1:00 pm	Small World Classes	
James Emert	Cristin Chapin	6:30 pm	Session Meeting	
April 8	April 12	7:00 pm	Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Meeting	
Gary Forister	bobbie frances mcdonald	April 9	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
Josephine Pringle	April 13	5:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal	
Kowen Pringle	April Hodges	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting	
		7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
<b>Calendar</b>		<b>April 10</b>		
April 6		9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School Classes	11:00 am	Family Ministry Meeting	
9:15 am	Easter Sunday School Service Project	1:00 pm	Small World Classes	
9:15 am	Names of the Messiah Class	3:00 pm	Matthew 25 Cohort Meeting	
10:30 am	Worship	6:30 pm	PW Ruth Circle	
3:30 pm	Daisy Troop 5621 Meeting	<b>April 11</b>		
3:30 pm	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	
<b>April 7</b>		10:00 am	Men's Group	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	<b>April 12</b>		
1:15 pm	Staff meeting	9:15 am	Justice Matters Committee Meeting	
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen's Class	<b>April 13</b>		
3:30 pm	PW Eve Circle	9:15 am	Youth Sunday School Class	
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal	9:15 am	Children's Sunday School Classes	
6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den Schwaller	9:15 am	Names of the Messiah Class	
6:30 pm	First 5 Years Staff Meeting	10:30 am	Worship	
<b>April 8</b>		2:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes			

## Children and Youth

### • Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- The Youth are invited to attend Helen's class, names for the Messiah.

## Youth Activities

- April
  - FUN, SERVICE: Spring Tea Party and Crafternoon at Presbyterian Manor on April 12. **We are currently looking for 3 to 5-inch flower pots to be donated for this event.**
  - FELLOWSHIP – The youth will be serving biscuits and gravy on Easter morning. We need volunteers to help set up, cook, and serve. If interested in helping contact Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713
- May
  - CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Youth interested in learning about church membership come and have dinner and discussion with Pastor Helen on May 4

## Adult Sunday School Classes

- **Names for the Messiah** led by Pastor Helen will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:15 am. For this Lenten season we look at some of the names for Jesus and think about the ways Jesus lives into those names.

## Adult Offerings during the week

- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library.
- **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – On April 7<sup>th</sup> in our class on the Kings and Prophets of ancient Israel and Judea, we will look at the prophet Amos. The class meets at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

**Youth Membership Opportunity** – On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Pastor Helen is inviting youth interested in joining the church to a dinner from 5 to 7 pm. There is no requirement to join, just a desire to learn more. If you do choose to join the church you will then meet with members of Session at a dinner on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The congregation will welcome you into membership on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office for information or to reserve your space in the group! 785-843-4171