

### **Sunday School**

9:45 am for Adults in Jim Thomas Hall  
9:45 am for Children in the Compass  
Nursery available beginning at 8:15

**Teacher Appreciation Day** is today! We will be honoring all those who have served in Christian Education.

**BrewHaHa! In JTH** Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship at 9:30.

**Time with Young Disciples Part 2** Kindergarten - 5th grade are invited to join Ms. Davis in the Compass after TWYD.

**Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 9am till noon. Monumental Fun** is waiting for all kids going into K - Rising 5th Grader! Registration has begun for students & volunteers. Use the link on the eBalst or <http://vbspro.events/p/fpcf>

**Graduate Sunday will be May 22nd** We will celebrate our graduates with a luncheon at 12:15pm in JTH.

**Connections Class** is beginning a new study by Adam Hamilton - *Christianity and World Religions - Questions We Ask About Other Faiths*. Sundays at 9:45 am in JTH beginning June 19th.

### ► *Join us in praying for...*

#### *Our Church Family*

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| <i>Ben &amp; Lilly Isaac</i>        | <i>Jane &amp; Dave Turney</i>     |
| <i>John Bousfield</i>               | <i>Judy &amp; Ken Loper</i>       |
| <i>Mary Long</i>                    | <i>Cheryl Ann Brown</i>           |
| <i>Gary Marmentello</i>             | <i>Bonnie Sovereign</i>           |
| <i>Sherril Gilbert-Stewart</i>      | <i>Vivian &amp; George Geiger</i> |
| <i>Bobby Mayne</i>                  | <i>Eunice Kurtz</i>               |
| <i>Gloria &amp; Nelson Hamilton</i> | <i>Matt Showalter</i>             |
| <i>Mim Walker</i>                   | <i>Nick Clark</i>                 |
| <i>Erika Zimmerman</i>              | <i>Kathy &amp; Bill Maurer</i>    |
| <i>Kathryn Jackson</i>              | <i>Pat Ermold</i>                 |
| <i>Nan Jansson</i>                  | <i>Nathan Bowers</i>              |
|                                     | <i>Marlene Spayde</i>             |

#### *Friends of the Church*

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| <i>David &amp; Mickie Nelson</i> | <i>Larry Snell</i>               |
| <i>James Schumacher</i>          | <i>Curtis G.</i>                 |
| <i>Eileen &amp; Michael York</i> | <i>Lily Jane Phillips (baby)</i> |
| <i>Christopher S. Javens</i>     | <i>Mary Catherine Buyck</i>      |
| <i>Moody Family</i>              | <i>Shannon Budrow-Glascock</i>   |

**Youth at Montreat** for High School students is July 10-16. Contact Roger Martin to sign up by Apr. 30.

**Youth Mission Trip** in Pennsylvania - June 29-July 7. Register by April 30. Contact Tom Wilke [twilke4700@gmail.com](mailto:twilke4700@gmail.com) for more information.

**Friends of the Church Prayer List** In an effort to keep the Prayer List up to date we will leave names on the list for 4 weeks, after which they will be removed unless we receive a request indicating that they should remain on the prayer list. Thank you for your help!

**The Dumpster is locked**, due to neighbors using our dumpster. If you need a key, please come by the church office and we will be happy to sign one out to you. Thanks!

**Sanctuary Guild** is looking for volunteers. No experience necessary! Let the church office know if you're interested.

**EarthCare Coordinator needed!** If you are passionate about the environment then you are perfect for this position. Please call the church office if you're interested. 904-261-3837

**Ushers are needed** to serve at both services. If you would be willing to help in this vital area occasionally, please let the Church Office know. 904-261-3837

*A warm welcome to:*

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## May 15th | 5th Sunday Of Easter

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you in worship today as we share together the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The ushers and pastors are here to help you. During the first hymn, ushers will walk the aisles to collect prayer requests that will be included in today's Pastoral Prayer. Prayer Request Cards are found in the pew rack. Please feel free to ask any questions you have.

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Love Songs"

Dr. Karl Kling

### JOIN US THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

| Sunday, May 15<br>Teacher Appreciation Sunday   | Monday, May 16   | Tuesday, May 17   |
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| 8:30 am Worship in person<br>9:00 am Virtual Worship<br>9:30 am BrewHaHa Fellowship<br>9:45 am Christian Education<br>11:00 am Worship in person                |  | 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Session Meeting<br>(In Person/ Zoom) |
| Wednesday, May 18   | Thursday, May 19   | Friday, May 19  |
| 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Alday)<br>4:30 pm Bell Practice<br>6:00 pm PNC<br>6:15 pm Youth (Anchor)<br>6:30 pm Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm Finance Task Force (Zoom) | 9:00 am POP's Playtime (Compass Nursery)<br>5:30 pm Stephen Ministry (Alday)<br>7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Sue Rowan's House) |   |

**First Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

**Dr. Karl Kling, Interim Pastor & Head of Staff**

**Rev. Julie A. Higbee, Associate Pastor**

**Andy Shepard, Interim Dir. of Music Ministry    Doris Davis, Interim Dir. of Family Ministry**

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## We Gather to Worship

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PRELUDE: “Come Christians, Join To Sing” Trad. Spanish Melody/arr. Victor Labenske Andy Shepard

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Karl Kling

INTROIT: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICAEA/arr. Lloyd Larson (11:00am) Presby Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP: Dr. Kling

*LEADER:* Loving God, thank you for the gift of new life each day.

**PEOPLE: Open our hearts to receive this grace**

*LEADER:* Give us courage to share your forgiveness..

**PEOPLE: Help us walk in newness of life.**

*LEADER:* Let us worship God.

### Δ HYMN OF PRAISE: # 327 “From All That Dwell Below”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Doris Davis

*PRAYER:* **God the Father bless us. God the Son help us. God the Spirit keep us, now and evermore.**

CALL TO CONFESSION: Rev. Julie Higbee

As we confess our sins, God’s mercy never ends. Let us pray for God’s forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**Our loving God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as we should; we have strayed from your guidance. Please forgive our sins. Help us to hear your call to new life in Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Dr. Kling

*LEADER:* Friends, through faith in Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live out the joy of your salvation. Believe the

Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

### Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE: # 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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## We Listen to God’s Word

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Rev. Higbee

Dear Lord, help us to treasure your word in our hearts, so that we will not sin against you. We pray this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

LESSON #1: Revelation 21:1-6 Rev. Higbee

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Graham Kendrick/ arr. Peggy Bettcher Presby Bells

LESSON #2: Psalm 148:1-14 Dr. Kling

LEADER : This is the Word of the Lord. *PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!*

SERMON : *“Love Songs”  
Dr. Kling*

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## We Respond to God’s Grace

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Δ STATEMENT OF FAITH: #35 “The Apostles’ Creed” Dr. Kling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Higbee

INVITATION TO WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERING:

OFFERTORY: “Here I am to Worship” Tim Hughes/arr. Hal Leonard Andy Shepard

### Δ OFFERTORY RESPONSE: # 606 “Doxology”

PRAYER FOR THE PNC: Rev. Higbee

**Almighty God, Giver of every good gift, look graciously on this church, And so guide the minds of the search team for our next Pastor & Head of Staff, That we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people And equip us to serve you joyfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### Δ HYMN OF SENDING: #319 “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION: Dr. Kling

**Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; There is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!**

PASTOR: As God’s people we all say, *PEOPLE: Alleluia, Amen!*

POSTLUDE: “ Here I am to Worship” Tim Hughes/arr. Hal Leonard Andy Shepard

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*This week’s flowers were given today by Charlotte & George Collins  
in loving memory of their mothers*