

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

*“Here I Am, Lord”* Lloyd Larson  
Abigail Beach & Barrett Houska, duet  
Jimmy Kay Sanders, piano

ANTHEM (10:45) *“Abide With Me”* Victor C. Johnson

GOSPEL READING John 15:1-11 and 1:35-51

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Where Are You Staying?”* Pastor Barry Williams

### THE THANKSGIVING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The 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.**

PRAYERS 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 and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* Richard Ellsasser

\*Doxology

**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.**

Offertory Prayer

\* HYMN #538

*“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” (verses 1-2)* Sicilian Mariners

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” (verse 3)*

**So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,**

**Let no fear of death appall us, glad Thy summons to obey,**

**May we ever, may we ever reign with Thee in endless day.**

\*POSTLUDE *We Know That Christ is Raised* Dale Wood

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

#### John 15:1-11

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

#### John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*“Where Are You Staying?”*



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 29, 2018**

**TODAY AT FPC**

*For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at [www.fpcjcmo.org](http://www.fpcjcmo.org)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Earth Carol* Richard Purvis  
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT (10:45) *“Worship the Lord”* Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT  
***THE GATHERING***

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Alice Wilson  
Leader: Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus.  
Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

**People: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises.  
We will proclaim good news to others.**

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us.  
We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

**People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.  
We seek to have God’s love be perfected in us.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #473 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* Dix

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION(*in unison*)  
**O God, we have ignored our origin in you and been dismissive of your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to complicate our lives. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding.**

**O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity.**

Our Silent Personal Prayers of Confession

\* DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Alleluia and Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*“Peace be with you...and also with you.”*

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN Shannon McPherson

\* HYMN #376 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* Hyfrydol

***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON I John 4:7-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**WELCOME** to our service of worship this Fifth Sunday of Easter. Join us for refreshments in Knox Hall following worship.

**OUR RADIO BROADCAST** over Station KWOS (950 AM) at 11:00 a.m. today is dedicated to the glory of God.

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God.

USHERS: 8:30 am Janet Shinkle  
10:45 am Allison Pearson  
5:00 pm Jessica Cox

BUS DRIVERS: Beth Archias & Cecil Caulkins

FLOWER VISITATION: Tom Holt, Bill Covington & Blaine Smallwood

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**

Join us for Worship next Sunday morning as we focus on Acts 10:44-48 (“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing...”) and John 15:12-17 (“And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last....”). Pastor Dave will preach and will explore the question of **“Do We Withhold the Fruit and Water?”**

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE**

Tonight for our Sunday Night Worship we will be joined by our Community Neighbors, including some of those involved in Mission JC this morning for worship and our fellowship meal. Pastor Dave will preach on **“Where Is Your Love Going?”** based on “Show me your faith apart from your works and by my works I will show you my faith” from Acts 2:18. Our faith cannot remain in neutral – it MUST go somewhere.

**TODAY’S SCHEDULE**

8:30 am MISSION JC  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 am Worship Service  
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall  
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service  
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

**PLEASE PRAY** for our sister congregations of Ethel Presbyterian Church & United Church of New Cambria. It is part of our being the connectional church.

**OUR LITURGIST** in worship today is Alice Wilson. She is an Inquirer in the process the Presbyterian Church has for individuals considering ordained pastoral ministry. Alice will be leaving at the end of June to begin her studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** - Please join women from other churches in the community for May Friendship Day. It will be a salad luncheon (you don't have to bring anything) and will be held here at our church on May 11th at 11:00 a.m. The theme is: "In Gratitude For God's Presence". There will be a time of devotion, a short program, followed by lunch and fellowship. Hope you can come, bring a friend and enjoy a good time with other women of faith.

**CHAPEL CLASS** - Come and join the Chapel Class as Pastor Henry leads the discussion now through May 27th concerning the Apostles’ Creed, as well as other Presbyterian creeds. Everyone is welcome!

**THE 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, MAY 1ST IS CANCELLED.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Monday, April 30 through Sunday, May 6

**MON - FRI** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Preschool  
**MON - THUR** 8:30 am - 3:00 pm K-Plus

MON 11:00 am Preschool Muffins for Mom - Knox Hall  
5:15 pm Bible Study - Library  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym

TUES **NO 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY**  
10:00 am Visitation for Carolyn Becker  
11:00 am Memorial Service for Carolyn Becker  
1:00 pm Recorder Practice - Choir Room  
1:30 pm Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Christian Education Committee - CE Office  
6:00 pm SNL Team - Library  
6:00 pm Deacon Committees - Chapel  
6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Chapel  
6:45 pm Volleyball - Southridge Baptist Church

WED 10:30 am Presbyterian Women Bible Study - McAfee Room  
12:00 pm Ladies Spring Luncheon - Knox Hall  
6:30 pm Senior Banquet Celebration - Knox Hall  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURS 11:00 am Preschool Muffins for Mom - Knox Hall  
5:30 pm Worship Committee - Library

FRI 2:00 pm Set up for Fair Trade Sale - Knox Hall

SAT 9:00 am Fair Trade Sale - Knox Hall (until 2:00 pm)  
9:00 pm After Prom Breakfast - Knox Hall (until 12 am)

SUN 8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 am Worship Service  
2:00 pm Worship at Primrose Retirement Community  
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service  
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

**PERU MISSION** - Our Peru Crew will be traveling to Peru again in June. We are collecting Over-the-Counter pain medicines and multi-vitamins (not gummy type). There is a box for donations in Knox Hall.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**This Wednesday (May 2) is the Senior Banquet and Celebration at 6:30pm in Knox Hall.** All seniors, their families, and senior high youth are invited to attend. A meal will be served. Please let Pastor Zac know if you plan on attending.

**There is no SWAG this Wednesday due to the Senior Banquet.**

**This Saturday (May 5)- Late Night Breakfast with the Avengers before!** Mid and Senior High youth are invited to come. *Breakfast will be served 11pm-12am.* Details for the Avengers movie will be set once movie times have been released. If you’re going to prom, join us for free breakfast afterwards!

\***July 8-14** we will be trying a week long mission trip to Nebraska this summer. More details will be coming out soon. Youth who will be entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade through graduating seniors will be eligible to participate.