

Sunday Service – May 18, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts Communion Song by Jordan

Welcome

Call to Worship –

We have gathered in this place to worship,

Because Jesus invites us to come!

We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts, with our successes and our failures,

Because Jesus invites us to come!

We come with what we have, bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

Because Jesus invites us to come.

The table is set, all is ready.

Jesus invites us – come, worship, be fed.

Opening Hymn #509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Call to Confession –

God is many things to us: Creator, Father, Mother, Judge, Healer, Love, Mystery. We bring our confession to this God, trusting that the fullness of the divine will hear our plea and grant us mercy that makes us whole again. With that trust, let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession –

Holy God, we confess to you our pain: the pain we have inflicted on others, the pain that keeps us awake at night, the pain of strangers across the world whose lives we cannot touch, and the pain of systems unyielding and

untouchable. We invite you into our pain. We invite you to heal us, and forgive us, to undo what is crushing and wrong, to bring peace and even joy. Hear our confession, offered to you in hope. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

The feast of God is designed to satisfy not our physical appetites, but our hunger and thirst for righteousness. The table has long been set and there has always been a place reserved for you. Jesus Christ beckons you, “Come.” Friends, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

As we prepare to hear God’s word, let us pray:

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Isaiah 58:6-12

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6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.

12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 14:15-24

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15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

16 Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

18 “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

22 “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Message

RSVP

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.

Hymn of Response #770 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

As we have been fed at this table, may we be bread for the world, as we have been set free, may we free the imprisoned, as we have received, let us give. As we have heard, let us proclaim and may your great blessing that we have received from Creator, Son and Spirit go with us always. Amen

Call to Offering

God's beautiful creation overflows with water, sunlight, and the rich, dark soil to grow our food. When we share the fruits of this earth, there is more than enough for all: there is a table of plenty set by a God who loves every one of us. At this table, all are fed and still there are gifts overflowing into the world God loves. Our giving supports this ministry that God is growing stronger each day. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise

Offertory

Is Your All on the Altar? by Loree

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to

give. These offerings express our gratitude and aspiration to be more fully your own people. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #296 “*Go in Grace and Make Disciples*”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him by Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Joint Pentecost Service at First Presbyterian on June 8th: On June 8th, Grace will be joining First Presbyterian for Pentecost. There will be a combined choir for those who would like to participate. Practice for the choir will be 9:45 the morning of. Everyone is encouraged to wear red. Service starts at 11:00 AM.

Our Special Offering for Pentecost Will Be Collected This Sunday, June 1st: The gifts raised go to support our youth and young adult leaders — as well as children at risk.

North Highland Neighborhood Association Garage Sale Opportunity: During the community sale, June 13-14, Grace will be offering space for those that might want to join but don't have a local garage. For a \$10 donation you can reserve a table in our fellowship hall. For a \$5 donation you can reserve a spot (about two car spaces) in our parking lot. See Tammy for more information or to get your space.

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

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