
Order of Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website (www.firstprespalestine.com) and signing up to be on our Email list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God's peace be with you.

****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,
for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,
opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

****Opening Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Blue Hymnal #376 All Verses

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Know you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

****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.*

THE WORD

Scripture **John 15:1-8**

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *MaryAnne Kidwell*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Choir Anthem

Trust in the Lord

James and Andrea Bernard

Call for the Offering



APRIL GIVING – Goodwin Girls

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#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

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blue Hymnal #438 all verses

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Danny Hone

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Family of Carolyn Ripley

Family of Rick Mendenhall

Kathy Lutes – Infection & Kidney function concerns

Kristen Shaw Eagleson – Surgery Recovery

Bill Kline – Prostate Cancer & Biopsy on Lung

Brenna Higginbotham

Glen Judge

Pastor Akers

Dave Hasty

Louise Calloway – Congestive Heart Failure

Bonnie McNair – Recovering from Kidney Transplant

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

Megan Burton – Breast Cancer

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family – Brain Tumor

Jamie Schell (Sandy Ellis's cousin) – Aggressive breast cancer

Kim Alumbaugh

Cheryl Mefford – Healing of previous leg wound

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

Christy (Woodworth) Blickensderfer - Cancer

Jim and Sandy Ellis

Blain Loll – Diagnosed with Leukemia

Roger Wells - Cancer

John Hunter - Cancer has returned

Bill Klein – Prostate Cancer

Margo Riker - Leukemia

Alan Fulling – Cancer in the tissue in his left arm

People of Maui

People of Ukraine

People of Israel

Please keep the PNC in your prayers for discernment and patience.

Remember our college students

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs; Mary Laughead; Dave & Judy Winger
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Cotillion Ridge

Lee Vehling, 600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Marilyn Henderson
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING DATES

- May 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- May 3, 2024 – Mary Laughead’s 110th Birthday!!
Birthday Cards can be mailed to her at Timber Creek Village, 1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454
- May 5, 2024 – Communion Sunday
- May 12, 2024, 9:15 a.m. – Mother’s Day Breakfast
- Choir Practice, 6:45 p.m., Wednesdays

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers! Also, someone to learn the computer would be great!

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- The Upper Room –May & June
- 2023 Annual Report

APRIL GIVING – GOODWIN GIRLS

April 21, 2024, Donations:	\$360.00
Our Church Offering	\$ 135.00
Greater Presbyterian Donations	\$5.00
Loose Offering	\$20.00
Goodwin Girls	\$200.00

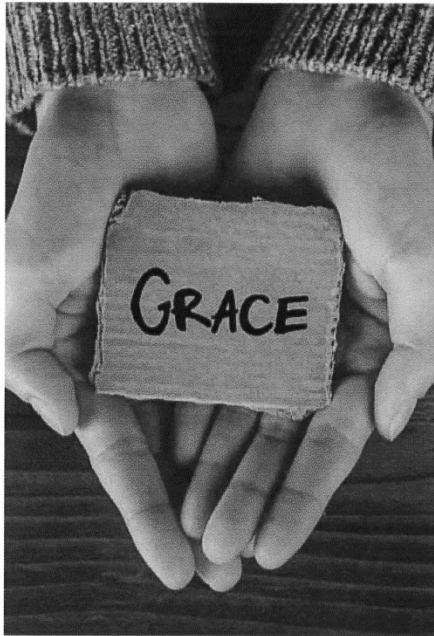
March Online Giving: \$1,445.42

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OUR MISSION

- To provide safe, temporary housing for women aged 18 - 24.
- To strengthen lifestyle skills, boundaries, and goals.
- To establish a season of peace and connection.
- To build confidence.



The Goodwin Girls are currently fundraising to purchase a home in Crawford County, Illinois to provide temporary housing for women in need.



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