

Order of Worship
May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, arr. Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive) based on *Psalm 31:1–5, 14–15*
One: Our God listens to us and rescues us from danger.
All: Praise God, our rock and our refuge!
One: Our God renews our spirits and is always faithful.
All: Praise God, our rock and our refuge!
One: We trust our God, therefore let us worship God with gratitude.
All: Praise God, our rock and our refuge! Let us worship with joy!

Hymn No. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
God of compassionate mercy, your grace extends to all people. Yet far too often, we are quick to withhold forgiveness from one another. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own abuses of power. We call out the mistakes of our enemies but fail to acknowledge our own faults. We become narrow in our quest for truth and ignore your expansive, hopeful call. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have denied grace. Connect us to others by leading us to live and love as Christ has taught us: with generosity and curiosity, acknowledging the image of God present in every human being.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581
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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

Word to Grow By

Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul*, arr. Beck (11:00 a.m.)

Second Reading *John 14:1-14*

Sermon *Family Meeting*, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 450 *Be Thou My Vision* (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

Offertory *Trust in His Love*, Koury (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion (9:00)

Hymn No. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Benediction

Postlude *Song of Spring*, Troutman

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the children of this church who graduated from Auburn University this weekend, by Jessica and Robbie Barnes.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors