**†** PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

*Proclamation*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:26-40

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” Althouse

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8 MESSAGE Rev. Nick Setzer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Apostle’s Creed” pg. 35

**†** HYMN 521 “In Remembrance of Me” (v.1-2) RED

*Dedication*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**†** DOXOLOGY 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**†** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**†** HYMN 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (v.1-3) LINSTEAD

**†** BENEDICTION

**†** CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Now in Peace” Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

**† Please stand as you are able**

***Service for the Lord’s Day***

***April 28, 2024***

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

*Preparation*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**†** PRELUDE

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS Melissa/Tripp Allman

CHORAL INTROIT “Easter Carol” Pethel

**†** CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship with joy,  
trusting God’s holy word will inspire us.  
**We lean into God for understanding,  
anticipating the Spirit’s blessing.**  
May God hear our praise!  
May we be counted among the great congregation.  
**May the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.**Let us worship the Lord!

**†** HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (v.1-3) HYMN TO JOY

**†** CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**†** PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. Amen.**

**†** ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God for such hope. Alleluia!**

**†** RESPONSE 589 “Alleluia”

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Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center is hosting a Pancake Brunch fundraiser at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill on May 11 from 9 to 11 AM. All you can eat for whatever you can pay! All proceeds from this event will benefit the ministry of Bethelwoods. Walk-ins welcome but pre-registration is preferred. Register at the Bethelwoods website ([bethelwoods.org](http://bethelwoods.org/)). To be a sponsor at this event at either $100, $200 or $300 levels please contact Rev Mia Levetan at [mlevetan@gmail.com](mailto:mlevetan@gmail.com).

Registration for Bethelwoods Summer Camp is open at [Summer Camp - BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER](https://www.bethelwoods.org/summer-camp.html). Please visit our website to see the options for your child(ren) this summer! Contact us at [info@bethelwoods.org](mailto:info@bethelwoods.org) or 803-366-3722 for scholarships or with questions.

\*\*Children of 1st Presbyterian Church Members are assisted with the cost of Bethelwoods. Please call Alice for more information.\*\*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 17-21**

**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!**

**The theme this year is “Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid” At this immersive Holy Land Adventure, kids will get the inside scoop from Jesus’ mom and village Shopkeepers. They’ll learn to stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter’s son is really God’s son. We will be transforming our Family Life Center (gym) into the town of Nazareth. WE NEED tail gate type tents for our marketplace stores. We are also forming a VBS PLANNNG TEAM to help create a unique learning experience for our children and community children. We need your help and ideas. Please contact Jamie Caveny, Mary Jenkins or Alice Smith if you will help or have a tent/tarp to share. What are you waiting on?**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! If you can volunteer during VBS you can text/call 803-448-1234 or email me at** [**jcaveny350@gmail.com**](mailto:jcaveny350@gmail.com)

**REMINDER: Summer will be here soon. A special time for fun events & fellowship with our church family and community. If you have suggestions, ideas or places to go, please let Alice know. It will be time to publish the activities booklet very soon!**

**The annual Youth BBQ sale to support summer camps & conferences offers 2 pick up days. Order your pork butts today for $50 (feeds 10-12 people), and choose your pick up day for Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day or Saturday, June 15th for Father’s Day.**

**National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 2nd at noon at City Hall. This year’s theme is “Lift Up the World—Light Up the World”. Please join our community as we pray together for our country’s needs and concerns!**

**Little Disciples**

**Apr. 28th Donna Farris**

**May 5th Christal/Avery Black**

**Acolytes Cross Bearer**

**Apr. 28th Aubrey/Ryleigh Walden Neilee Carroll**

**May 5th Elizabeth Hiott/Sadie Hill Emma Louise Leake**

**Nursery**

**Apr. 28th Jenny Hill**

**May5th Angie Pratt**

**Mother’s Day Giving**

**History of the Presbyterian Women Scholarship Fund**

**Two funds were originally established-one in 1987 by Iva Brison Barnwell, and one in 1995 by Kitty Sandifer.  I’m 2019, these funds were combined to find the Presbyterian Women Scholarship Fund in order to continue to best serve its original purpose:  to recognize worthy young women and men who wish to further their academic career after high school.**

**Please donate generously to honor these women’s contributions to our church and recognize our hard working students!**

**To donate, please fill out the enclosed form along with a minimum of $20 and put in the offering plate or bring to the church office.**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

Thank you for joining us today. We’re glad you’re here and hope that you’ll experience God’s love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God’s peace be with you.

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:**

All caregivers, Terra Rose, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Bill Sandifer, Rachel Ann Taylor (Great Niece of Barbara has leukemia), Tammy Victory (friend of Jake Walden), Eliza Moore, Kim Bigach’s mother, Angie Ivester, Franny & Mark Verdery, Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Hedlund that is suffering from a rare cancer), Floyd Ballard (father of Dain Ballard), Brian Liberis (co-worker of Jake Walden), Micky Howe, Wayne McCormick, Jr.(surgery), Karen Snipes (cousin of Sherry Carroll), Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer, Arthur Black, Mark Johnson, Carl Giddens & Ronald Giddens, Gloria Ludwig (Stacy Walden’s grandmother), Randy Street (son in law of Jane Ratliff) is awaiting a heart transplant, Mark Freeman is recovering from a head injury, Elnora Nivens (blood cancer), Jack Adams (knee surgery), Bob and Barbara Falls, Janet Moore Surgery) &

Lorchele Johnson (Friend of Becca Ratliff has terminal cancer)

**RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND**

Margie Hall, Barbara Falls, Catherine Gardner, John & Jane Spratt

**FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God, in honor and memory of our parents and grandparents by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dawkins (nee Caroline Guerry).**

**Sun. 4-28 10:00am Sunday School**

**10:00am Confirmation Class**

**11:00am Worship**

Mon. 4-29 8:00pm AA

Tues. 4-30 7:45am Sr. Highs @ Southern Touch

5:00pm Theology 101

Wed. 5-1 2:30pm KFC @ Trinity

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00pm AA

Thurs. 5-2 12:00pm National Day of Prayer @ City Hall

**Sun. 5-5 10:00am Sunday School**

**10:00am Confirmation Class**

**11:00am Worship**

**6:00pm Youth**

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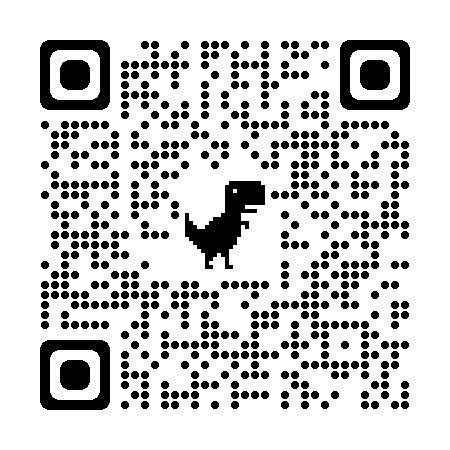
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**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

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