

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 17, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

*Procession of the Class of 2026

**Ashley Carlson, Athena Donnelly,
Jazzlyne Shaughnessy, Madelyn Zeuske**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

*Praise Medley: *Crown Him Lord of All*

No. 42

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 43, vs. 1, 4

Crown Him King of Kings

No. 44

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 45, vs. 1, 4

Prayer of Confession:

In Jesus' ascension, both His victory and our victory is assured.

Forgive us for when we have a defeatist attitude about our life.

In Jesus being now seated at the right hand of God the Father,
He is Lord of All.

**Forgive us for when we have doubts about who is in
charge of life.**

From His throne in glory, He will come to make all things right
once and for all.

**Forgive us for listening to doomsday prognosticators who
really have no idea of the future.**

There comes the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue
confess Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

**May every thought we think, every word we say, every aspect
of our conduct proclaim God's love for all.**

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord!

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Choral Anthem: *Go Into the World* (W. Harrah)

Prayer for Illumination

Barb Kramer

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Pg. 885, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 47

Pg. 472, Pew Bible

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-11

Pg.909, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Up, Up, and Away...But Still Here*

*Prayer of Faith:

**We acknowledge Your glory, Light of the World, and we
gratefully remember Your saving deeds.**

So, when the world grows dark and threatening,
we will not lose faith nor befriend despair.

When our hopes are delayed,
we will not grow disappointed nor become disillusioned.

When love and truth become hard and painful,
**we will not choose the easy way out nor become filled with
self-pity.**

**Holy Spirit, chase from our hearts the darkness, the cynicism
and the mocking; fill our minds with the cross and the empty
tomb; remind us again of His triumphant ascension and fill
our hearts with Your love for God and for all. For Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

*Hymn: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

No. 377

Recognition of the Class of 2026

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Marsha Malsack, Margaret Spooner, Sue Fraker, Lorna March, Anne Starr, Phil Peterson, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Marge Balmes, Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

No. 370

*Charge and Benediction

*Response:

**Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice again; I say rejoice!**

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: **3:00p.m. VBS Choir**
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
Next Sunday: **Pentecost – *Wear Red!***
9:00a.m. Summer Worship Schedule Begins

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
Beginning next Sunday, May 24th, and continuing throughout the summer, worship will be at 9:00a.m. Regular 9:30a.m. worship will resume on September 13th.

Outside Watering: There is a sign-up sheet on the table to help with outside watering, weeding, and maintenance on a rotational basis during the summer months. For more information, contact Susan Strang (906) 282-3975 or Patti Ebertsch (906) 396-6951.

We also need someone with plumbing experience to help come up with a plan for installing a drip line for the plants and flowers along the east side of the building. Contact Pete Anderson (906-396-8156) if you have any ideas!

New Member Classes will be offered after the 9:00a.m. worship service (at 10:00a.m.) on May 31st and June 7th for anyone interested in becoming a member. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Scholarship applications are due by May 31st and available for undergraduate students who are pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree. To qualify, a student must be an active member of our Church. Get an application in the office or send an email to:
maryjean5775@gmail.com.

VBS: June 15th – 19th from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

We need 10 more elementary crew leaders. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fireside Room for volunteer opportunities as well as to register your kids – or use the QR code below.



Ushers: Pete and Kathy Anderson; Sharon Chick, Patty Hord

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