

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The Lord has risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Cliff Smith

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the preoccupation with our self-centered ways which cling to so much that is meaningless.

Lord Jesus, with Your victory over all the forces of evil, we are free to truly live, for You are with us always. Come to our assistance and enable us to view all of life from an eternal perspective and to live confidently all the moments of our life.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

**All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him,
In His presence daily live.**

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: *Bless that Wonderful Name* (C. Wesley)

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Smith

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Pg. 916, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Pg. 461, Pew Bible

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

Sermon Text: John 14:1-14

Pg.901, Pew Bible

Sermon: *When Knowledge is Not Enough*

*Statement of Faith: *The Scots Confession* (Chapter 6)

When the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, His eternal Wisdom, the substance of His own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin and that by means of the Holy Spirit. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, very God and very man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Marge Balmes, Margaret Spooner, Sue Fraker, Lorna March, Anne Starr, Phil Peterson, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie and Jo Ann Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the family of Jean Thekan; 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: *Blessed Assurance*

No. 572, vv. 1, 2

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Blessed Assurance*

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*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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