

First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please, fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and put it in the offering plate.

Prelude

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.
Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.
The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

Sing to the Lord a new song. For God has done marvelous things.

Sing of God’s great faithfulness and steadfast love to all.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises.

Let us worship God.

Invocation

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

****Call to Confession**

Liturgist

****Prayer of Confession (responsively)**

Led by Liturgist

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us,
but that can be a difficult thing for us to do.

You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love,

but we can cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift.

You invite us to sing a new song, and set our hearts free from the chains that can bind us,
but we can cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways.

Heal us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our lips may sing your
praise and our hearts may leap with joy.

Help us live as children of your love. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

****Choral Response, No. 701 – 2 times**

Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. (2 times)

Story Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Come Home to You – John Hiatt

There's a mad little kid at the top of the stair
And his eyes, they gather no lie
Well, his Mom and his Dad, they're too high to care
And his cries drift off in the night
And I've been that kid, yeah it's true
And I've been both of those parents too
I'm ashamed when I lost my way
But I'd do anything just to come home to you
The twilight captures the sorrow of time
In between the life and the lived
I press on through the darkness so thoroughly blind
To a lie a new morning gives
And it sparkles like each new tomorrow
I crank up my last yesterday
Tasted sweet joy and bittersweet sorrow
And I'd do anything just to come home to you
There's a meanness inside and it shivers my bones
That's the thing about mercy I guess
There's no man so wicked he cannot come home
Nor so good he passes each test
As the fires of memories burn me
The grace of your love returns me
To this most traveled of highways
Where I'd do anything just to come home to you
I would do anything just to come home to you.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 98

Found on page 551 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: John 15:9-17

Found on page 109 in the New Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Gotta Serve Somebody

**Affirmation of Faith (unison) – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn No. 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Prayers of the People (Leader) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.

Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts

Call to Offering

Liturgist

Contributions can also be made online at www.fpctullahoma.org

Offertory

**Doxology, No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.
Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures
To love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast.
When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression,
brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God.
By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.

By your power, he broke free from the prison of the tomb.

The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,
the Lamb upon the throne.

The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died,
took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**

Serving of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

****Hymn No. 748**

Go with Us, Lord

****Charge and Benediction**

****Postlude**

*****All who are able are invited to stand.***

Ministers – Our entire congregation
Stephen G. Yates, Pastor
David Hiebert, Organist
Katie Prasser, Minister to Children
Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth
Robert Wright, Choir Director
Robert Wright, Liturgist

Announcements for May 5, 2024

Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 Sunday school for children, youth, and adults
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 **Session meeting** in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 6

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 11:45 Learning Place Preschool staff meeting in the church parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Phoenix Apartments Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 10:00 Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 1 for middle school students
- 5:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids present their Spring Program in the sanctuary**
- 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 2 for high school students

Thursday, May 9

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 10:30 Rehearsal in the sanctuary for the Learning Place Preschool Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee meeting in the church parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Middle Tennessee Amateur Radio Society meeting in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 11

- Good Samaritan Ministry using Williams Family Center gym
- Middle Tennessee Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro

Next Sunday, May 12 – Mission Sunday

- 8:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Sunday school for adults
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 Fellowship Time hosted by Charles and Jennifer Harvey in Fellowship Hall

Good Samaritan requests for May – Please bring your donations to church with you on Sunday, May 12, Mission Sunday.

Regular food request: canned fruits, canned vegetables, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, soup, soda crackers, cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

Special food requests: Vienna sausages, snack peanut butter crackers

Personal hygiene request: bar soap or dish soap

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT O'CHARLEY'S RESTAURANT!

The Family Activities and Outreach Committee
invites the congregation to a time of food and
fellowship at O'Charley's Restaurant,
2367 Hillsboro Blvd., Manchester, TN on
Thursday, May 16, from 6:00 - ?

O'Charley's extensive menu can be viewed at
www.ocharleys.com. As a reminder, you are
responsible for your own food and drink tab.

**The bus will depart from the church parking lot
at 5:30 p.m., if you would like to ride.**

For planning purposes we would like to know how
many will be attending and how many will be riding
the bus. Please complete the form below and put it
in the offering plate or return it to the church office
by May 12.

See you at O'Charley's Restaurant!

Name: _____

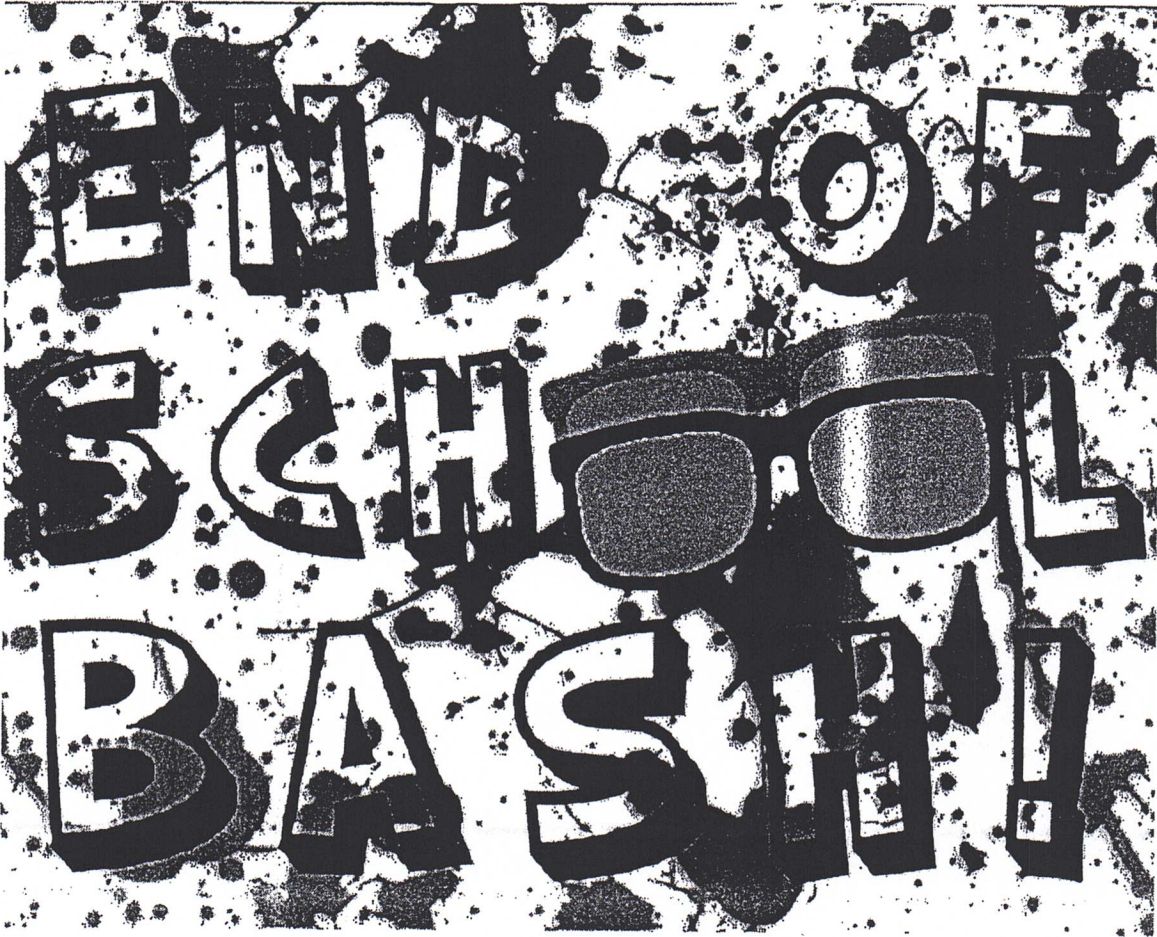
Number attending: _____

I (We) would like to ride the bus: _____

JOIN US ON MAY 22, 2024

5:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

FOR OUR



We will have games and food set up in the East Lincoln parking lot. There will be water activities! This is the last weekly Kingdom Kids meeting until school starts back in the fall.

Please join us May 8, 2024
At 5:30 P.M in the sanctuary
For our annual

SPRING PROGRAM



The KINGDOM KIDS Wednesday
night program will be presenting

The Lord's Prayer with sign
language and several songs that
we would love to share with all of

you. There will be a light
reception following the program
that all are invited to enjoy.