

Service for the Lord's Day

*Confident in that love which was yours before the world began spinning,
Dear Lord, you came to walk the dusty path of death, for me.*

GATHERING

WELCOME AND NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE "As We Gather at Your Table" White/Evanovich

INTROIT "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"
Psalm 118:24/Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,
All: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and even our doubts.

Leader: We come to this place of grace,
All: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come, together with these people called the church,
All: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

Leader: We come to this sacred place, because of the grace of God.
All: We come to worship the Mighty King!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #320** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!" HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness. Let us confess, both individually and corporately, using the words in the bulletin, and then make our personal confessions silently to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Creator, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired love and peace. We have not forgiven others or even ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, so we may rejoice in the presence of your priceless salvation and give glory to the ascended Messiah. Amen. (A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us. In the name of the Ascended Son, we are forgiven!

All: By the power of the Spirit, as witnesses to the death and resurrection of the Christ, and assured of pardon in Jesus'

name, we celebrate in renewed lives. Let us go forth to serve the Creator, the creation, and the people of God in peace.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734** Gloria Patri

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS Ned and Virginia Douglass

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By the power of the Holy Spirit, open our minds to the Word, who comes to us as one of us and ascends to the heavens to remain with us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-11
Pew Bible page 143

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Let Everything" Psalm 150/Thomas

*Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, let ev'rything,
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord,
Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, let ev'rything,
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
Praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, let ev'rything,
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord,
Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord,
Praise him, praise the Lord, praise him, praise the Lord.
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything, let ev'rything praise the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53
Pew Bible page 111

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Why Did He Ascend?" Rev. Candice L. Klein

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

Q. 46 How do you understand the words: "He ascended into heaven"?

"That Christ was taken up from the earth into heaven before the eyes of his disciples and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead."

Q. 47 Then, is not Christ with us unto the end of the world, as he has promised us?

"Christ is true human and true God. As a man he is no longer on earth, but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit, he is never absent from us." This we believe. Amen.

– The Heidelberg Catechism Q 46 – 47

OFFERTORY "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish/Honore

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Doxology OLD 100th

**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 Dedication

***HYMN #321** "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer Following Communion

Let us go now to praise God with our hearts. Then, let us see the imagination of God in every moment of creation, and in every person we meet in the days to come. Let us bring justice to those who are oppressed, and hope to those who live in despair and worry. Let us praise the Spirit with our lips. Let me speak peace into all the broken places of my community, and whisper grace to those forgotten by the world. Let me be the hands and the feet of Christ! Amen.

SENDING

***HYMN #323** "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Blessing" Dengler/Dengler

Walk in the light of Jesus, piercing the darkness of the night.

Follow the radiant morning star that shines so clear and bright.

Walk in the light of Jesus; giving you hope to travel on,

Shedding its rays upon the path that leads you to the dawn.

Walk in the light. Walk in the light. Amen. Amen

POSTLUDE "Hymn to Joy" Beethoven/Limbaugh

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS: Andy Anderson (Mike Anderson's father); Kitty Armstrong; Ned Douglass; Pat Hibbett; Harry Marsh; Thomas Powel (Susie Driver's nephew); Frances Massey; Mildred Stanley (Tommy Boze's mother); Michael Stewart; Brim Stone

NHC Gallatin: David Potts (Shelli DeGraff's father)

THE HEARTH: Joe Blackshear; Anna Gasser; Norma Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SIGN the "Attendance Register" so that we may have a record of your presence with us.

SERVING AT WORSHIP: Head Usher: Mike Jones; Liturgist: Mike Anderson; Nursery: Alison Turner and Carrie Mabrey

THE FLOWERS this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of the birthdays of Bill and Nancy Hamby.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the congregation immediately after worship on Sunday, June 9th to discuss the use of the youth house.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: We have added another day for pictures. Our last directory was printed in 2010. As you look around you today, you will notice that we have new families. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes. Our directory will not be complete without you. **Wednesday, June 5th, Thursday, June 6th, and Monday, July 22nd** are the dates for the photo session. Call the church office to schedule an appointment.

INQUIRERS CLASS has begun. We meet promptly at 8:45am in the library, with classes following on 06/09 and 06/16. This is a new class for anyone who has an interest in learning about being a Presbyterian. This class is everyone from visitors to new members to cradle Presbyterians. Everyone is welcome. If you're interested, please contact the church office and let us know so we can be sure to have enough materials on hand.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNERS: Our next Wednesday night dinner will be on June 19.

GROCERY CARTS: The month of June we are collecting for

Gallatin CARES: Ramen noodles, chili, spaghetti, oatmeal, crackers

HomeSafe: Cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, bathroom cleaner

Please bring your items and put them in the grocery carts in the downstairs lobby.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *To Mars and Beyond* is June 10-14 from 9-noon. You may register online at fpcgallatin.org.

SESSION

Class of 2019

Robert Blakey
Carrie Mabrey
Kenneth Thomson
Bob Young

Class of 2020

Chuck Deck
Sharon Sides
Bill Hamby

Class of 2021

Jennifer Anderson
Liz Ferrell
Ann Thurman

CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.-THURS. 9:30-4:30 FRI. 9:30-1:00

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:45am Inquirers Class
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:15 Called Session Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 3

10:30am Meals on Wheels

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

10:00am Bible Study
10:30 Meals on Wheels

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Directory Pictures

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Directory Pictures
10:30am Meals on Wheels
6:30pm Boy Scouts
Learning More (Christian Education)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

10:30am Meals on Wheels
1:00pm Church Office Closes

CHURCH STAFF

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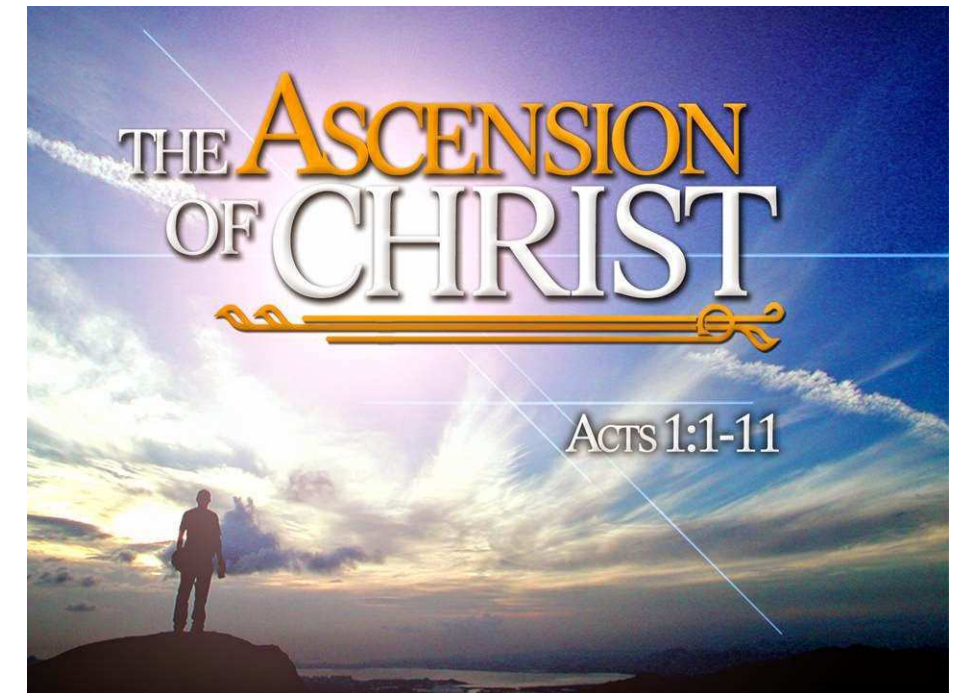
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ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.