

Currently, **Sunday School is virtual** at 9:00 a. m. on Sunday mornings via Facebook (adults can also look on YouTube)

Adults – mark your calendars for May 16 for in-person adult Sunday School at 9:00 in Alexander Hall.

Nursery for ages 0 through K2 is open during worship! (Rooms 119)
Nursery is available for children K3 – K5 as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)

Now looking for volunteers to help with children's in-person Sunday School starting July 18. See the Spire for opportunities and more details.

Moms and Dads!

If your child is interested in a summer camp at **Camp Fellowship**, our church offers a partial scholarship towards your cost. Check them out online: <https://www.campfellowship.org/summer2021>

Mark Your Calendars for VBS 2021

June 27 – July 1
evenings
We can't wait!!!

We need a name for our new dedicated children's area in the basement.

Send your ideas to Elise at dce@firstgreenwood.com

College Students or Graduating High School Seniors

FPC is looking for summer interns to work with our children and youth for June, July, and half of August. Applications available from church and due by May 9th – that's a quick turn-around! Email to dce@firstgreenwood.com

OPEN FLOWER CALENDAR DATE

We have one open date on our Flower Calendar, May 30. If you are interested in this date, please contact the front office or Christy Nexsen at 377-6042.

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (virtual)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Youth Snack
5:15 p.m. - Youth Music
6:00 p.m. - Youth

Monday, May 3

11:00 a.m. - Circle #4 (Lisa Yarbrough's mother)
5:00 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Basement)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
7:00 p.m. - Circle #6 (BR)

Tuesday, May 4

9:15 a.m. - Staff
10:30 a.m. - Circle #1 (WC)
12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (Fat Daddy's BBQ)

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH/virtual)
10:00 a.m. - Scholarship Comm. (HR)
10:30 a.m. - Muffins for Moms (AH/Sanc)

Thursday, May 6

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Leaders (HR)

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. - Trinity Presbytery meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, May 8

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are in celebration of the wedding ceremony of Chandler Balentine and Michael Adams on May 1, 2021. Chandler is the daughter of Lee & Shannon Balentine.

WHERE TO PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS?

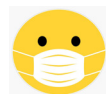
Just a reminder that we have a basket placed at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering when entering the sanctuary.

BIG CHURCH CALENDAR

Lea, in the front office, is working on the big calendar for the summer, fall, and next year. If you have any meetings or gatherings planned please let her know so that she can be sure to have it on the calendar. (Please do not assume that we know that you will be meeting.) With groups starting to meet in person again, there will be lots of things going on and we want to have as much correct information as possible. This will allow us to make sure there is a room available and ready for you and the alarm will not be set, particularly after hours. You can email Lea at office@firstgreenwood.com.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, IS MOTHER'S DAY

We will be accepting the special offering for Presbyterian Communities, for residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.



*Please wear your mask
as designated in the bulletin.*

May 2, 2021
10:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

If you are visiting with us, please know that we consider you to be our honored guest. Any of our staff members will be happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year an Inquirers/New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

*Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Associate Pastor -- The Rev. Gordon Tubbs
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Noah's Ark Director -- Kim Masters*

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
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PRELUDE "Psalm" Gordon Young

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Hite
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***INTROIT** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER
Text: Hymn No. 403
(Please stand as the cross passes your pew)


ADORATION

 ***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ecclesiastes 3, Psalm 8)
Leader: O Lord, our God,
People: **how majestic is your name!**
Leader: As we journey through life,
People: **you are always with us.**
Leader: In seasons of rejoicing,
People: **we do not laugh alone.**
Leader: In seasons of mourning,
People: **we do not weep alone.**
Leader: When the heavens open up,
People: **we behold your glory.**
Leader: O Lord, our God,
People: **how majestic is your name!**

 ***OPENING HYMN** ** #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Heavenly Father,
we are to easily distracted by superficial and sensual attractions.
Forgive us for the chaos and confusion of our sinful nature.
Reorder our lives by the gift of your Son; the we may know your will, and surrender our will to yours.
We pray through Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends in Christ...we are forgiven!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

 ***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
#402 "How Lovely, Lord"
Stanzas 1, 3

MERLE'S TUNE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Elise Collins


K3-K5 children may go to extended session in Room 120

GIVING OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Offertory (On Screens) "My Savior's Love"
Andrew Goforth, leader

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

 ***Gloria Patri #581** "Glory Be to the Father"
Prayer of Dedication

GLORIA PATRI


PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Rev. Hite
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Time to Build"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

 **GREAT THANKSGIVING**
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Minister: It is truly right to glorify you...
...we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:
All (#559): **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: The gifts of God, for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

If you need regular elements or gluten free elements, please raise your hand.
Please hold the bread and cup until everyone has been served.
We will partake of the elements together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 ***CLOSING HYMN #49** "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE "Festival Postlude" Paul Fey

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers.

*Congregation Stands

**Late comers may be seated

Seasonal Color: White