

The Order for the Worship of God

7th Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

May 28, 2017

Eleven o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

In his most striking commentary on the Ascension, Calvin says, "Since Christ entered heaven 'in our flesh', as if in our name, it follows, as the apostle says, that 'in a sense we already sit with God in the heavenly places in Christ.'" At the Ascension, our humanity, our "flesh" has been "taken" (Acts 1:11) by God's Beloved One into the very heart of God. This is profound good news for us as Christians and for our whole world. It means that we are more deeply valued, loved and held by God than we may have known before. We grow and change ... make mistakes and commit sins, knowingly and unknowingly. But through it all, we carry with us a vision of our humanity being taken up by Christ into God, caught up within an ultimate, redemptive purpose for our lives.

John S. McClure

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

The Choral Introit "Awesome God" (Dan. 9:4) Mullins

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 68)

Leader: May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing in praise of his name and rejoice before him. His name is the Lord.

People: **Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves. Praise God in the great congregation; praise the Lord in the assembly of God's people.**

Leader: Proclaim the power of God, who is awesome in his sanctuary; our God gives power and strength to his people. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 573
God of Our Fathers

✦ The Declaration of Faith 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.*

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

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.

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

✦ The Hymn of Meditation..... No. 494
Like a River Glorious (v. 1)

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
(pp. 1016-17 in pew Bible)

The Anthem "*Be Not Afraid*" (Is. 43:2-3, Lk. 6:20) Dufford/Wagner

The Sermon "*Loving Jesus: Glory is Coming*" Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication.....No. 575
Eternal Father, Strong To Save

✦ Congregational Response #105 (chorus) *He Is Lord*
He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

✦ The Benediction

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader - Chris Davenport

Acolyte - Lindsey Zieger

*The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to
the glory of God by:*

*Family and Friends in honor of the 32nd
anniversary of Ron & Kym Owens
and by*

Joan Hassler in memory of Claire Mulford Owen

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 05/28** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. (*Last class until Oct. 1st*)
First Baptist Church-HS/ College Class, 10:00-
10:50 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon
- Mon. 05/29** *Memorial Day*
Church Office closed
- Tues. 05/30** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 05/31** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Young Adult Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. 06/03** *ASP Fundraising Dinner, 5-8:30 p.m. Edward W.
Dorn Community Center, Pedricktown NJ*
- Sun. 06/04** Worship Service & Lord's Supper, 10:00 a.m.

Flower Sponsors Needed June 4th & 25th

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WEBSITE

Our website is still under construction but you can access it now by going to <http://fpcsnj.com/>

***THE NEXT SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M.***

Summer Worship Schedule

- Worship Service begins 10:00 a.m. next Sunday, June 4th, and will return to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 1st.
- Last day for Sunday school is today, Sunday, May 28th, and it will resume Sunday, October 1st.
- Pastor's Bible Study and Choir Practice will resume in the Fall.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/29 Dawn Kimble
5/30 David Eastlack

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/28/1977 David & Vivian Bauman

Fundraiser for 2017 Salem ASP Teams

It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Lindsey, Elise, Morgan, Sierra, Kym, Reid or Beth. Thank you!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand
Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Interserve USA-Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER

June 4, Pentecost Sunday, "On All the Lord's People",
Numbers 11:24-30
June 11, Trinity Sunday, "Distinctive Blessings", II Corinthians
13:11-14

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Broadway United Methodist Church Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. *(Mike Eber's mother)*

The Fuse Family, upon the unexpected death of Bill's daughter, Cindy.

Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell)*

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, The pastoral search process is continuing. We have received from the PCUSA data base a number of resumes for our consideration. We are sorting them out now and taking special notice of those that might be a good fit for us. Don't stop praying for the committee, for our work and for us as individuals (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we would appropriate God's wisdom for our task.

Harry Springer, Prayers for severe health issues. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

Elvena Eastlack, Prayers for severe spinal stenosis. *(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)*

Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. *(Mother of a friend of Reid Willis)*

Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Erin Owens.)*

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.

Robert Parker, Health concerns. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

Randi Gage, Praise for encouraging test results.

Brandon Bush, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Bob Hyatt, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. *(Carol Ives' niece)*

Torrey Reade, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*

Rev. Jack & Martha Schilthuis, Prayers for health issues.

Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. *(Joe's piano coach)*

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. *(Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter)*

Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. *(Friend of the Warren/Owens Families)*

Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. *(Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem)*

Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery. *(Friend of Betty Simpkins)*

Sermon Notes

Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack)*

Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor. *(Friend of the Kings)*

Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment. *(16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell)*

Father Michael J. Doyle, Diagnosed with mouth cancer. *(Parish Priest of Chris Davenport's coworker)*

Dawn Kimble, Prayers for health issues.

Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.

Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. *(Steve Pollack's brother)*

Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.

Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues. *(John King's sister & brother-in-law)*

Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. *(Friend of Sharon Eastlack)*

Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.

Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. *(Beth Davenport's parents)*

Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. *(Friend of Beth Davenport)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle...U.S. Navy

James Morrison...U.S. Air Force

Jamie Spears...U.S. Navy

Andrew Spears...Delaware Air National Guard

Matthew Kemm, M.D...U.S. Army Medical Corps

Austin Brown...U.S. Air Force



- A. Three approaches to preparing for final exams.
1. **Partially take on the challenge.** Review a few notes, hope the questions are on the little bit you studied; but don't let the exams get in the way of everything else that you have going on.
 2. **Don't study at all.** “If you kept up with things the whole semester, you'll know everything!” “My grades up till now will make up for what I get on the final exam!”
 3. **Get to work!** Resist the temptation to play or be distracted (5:9). Keep your eye on what is to come (summer vacation!!). Know you can rest peacefully and celebrate when it is all over.
- B. Ascension Day. Jesus the Lord is glorified and returned to his place of power and authority where “to him is the dominion forever and ever” (5:11).
1. 4:13 - The day is coming when we will rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
 2. 4:14 - “The Spirit of glory and of God **rests upon you.**” This is the hope that keeps us going. We must nurture it in each other, keeping our eyes focused on Christ, who has come and is coming again.
 3. When he comes (5:10), he will “restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”
- C. Tips on living in the interim.
1. 5:6 - “Humble yourself.” Don't focus on yourself, but on God in Christ. It's not about you! And, ironically, “at the proper time, he will exalt you.”
 2. 5:7 - “Cast all your anxiety on him.” He cares about you!
 3. 5:9 - “Resist the devil.” “He prowls around like a roaring lion” (5:8). **The devil is not a metaphor!**

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

(Refrain)

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
(Refrain)

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of Me
blessed, blessed are you. *(Refrain)*