



# W A CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

## GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Sydne

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in G minor*

*J.S. Bach*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Freeman

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

### \*HYMN #480

*"Take Me to the Water"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Knowing how easy it is to wander from the paths of right living; aware of all the shadowed valleys we wander; remembering how we have failed to place our trust in God,

**All: How can we not come to God with our confessions? Let us confess our sin together...**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen...*Silent prayers...*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations.

**All: The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun; in Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah, Amen!**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*Let us share the peace of Christ with others!*

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE #623

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

## HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Sydne

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Went Down to the River to Pray*

*Traditional*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 8:26-40

**SERMON**

“What is Preventing Me?”

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION 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 to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to 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.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

*Johann Walther*

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving in Jesus’ name, amen.**

**\*HYMN #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**SHARE GOD’S WORD**

**\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE #591**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

**POSTLUDE**

*Rondo in G*

*John Bull*

*The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.*

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit**

**Worship Leadership Today**

Rev. Sydne Allen, Pastor

Peggy Vaughan, Director of Music

Lucy Freeman, Liturgist

Linda Althoff, Organ

Pam & Paul Gares, Ushers

Ron Skinner & John Daugherty, Audio/Visual Team

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2024

Jesse Riggs, Clerk of Session  
Christina Brizendine  
John Daugherty  
Kevin Skinner  
Mackenzie Smith

### Class of 2025

Lucy Freeman  
Bill Grobe  
Amy Hearon

### Class of 2026

Thomas Doumaux  
Paul Gares  
Diane Minshew

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## SESSION MINISTRY AREAS

### Administration

John Daugherty  
Bill Grobe  
Kevin Skinner  
Jesse Riggs

### Care & Connection

Lucy Freeman  
Amy Hearon  
Diane Minshew  
Kevin Skinner

### Outreach

Paul Gares  
Amy Hearon  
Diane Minshew

### Spiritual Development

Christina Brizendine  
Thomas Doumaux  
Bill Grobe  
Mackenzie Smith

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

Anna Bridgman  
Sandy Daugherty  
Faye Harris

Leslie Mills  
Edith & Gene Pratt  
Arleta Wood

## Special Prayer Requests for Our Families, Friends, & Neighbors

Donna Brown (Friend of Rebecca Franks)  
Emoni Cannonier (Friend of Logan Johnson)  
Ann Carraway (Friend of Betty White)  
Jeff Check (Father of Pastor Sydne)  
Robin Dana (Friend of Peggy Vaughan)  
Tad Delgado (Nephew of Pastor Sydne)  
Marsha Harris (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)

Hayden Lenz (Neighbor of Molly Ortiz)  
Caroline Luvender (Friend of Logan Johnson)  
Dawn Slann (Friend of Rebecca Franks)  
John Sword (Father of Peter Sword)  
Juanita Wiggins (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)  
J. Wright (Nephew of Charles & Betty White)

## Weekly Schedules

### SUNDAYS @ PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Church Nursery Available
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Conference Room)
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:20 – 1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR MAY 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Audio/Visual Team</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
May 5 6th Sun. of Easter	Joanne Lang	Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman	Jim Bryant & Carol Poston
May 12 7th Sun. of Easter	Paul Gares	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Anna & Steve Bridgman
May 19 Pentecost Joint Service	Tom Doumaux	Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman	Tom Lee & Bill Grobe
May 26 Trinity Sunday	Jim Bryant	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Carla Smith & Margaret Cox

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S LITURGY** comes from The Presbyterian Outlook, written by Rev. Dr. Tara Bulger (FPC Huntsville, AL)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS** should be turned in to the church office by Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. for publishing in weekly emails and Sunday bulletins. Thank you!

**VBS REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING!** VBS is June 9-11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for children age 4 thru completed 5th grade. Scan the green QR code in the bulletin to register kiddos for VBS! Be on the lookout for signups to help in May!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are currently Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, until a new administrative assistant is hired. We need volunteers to be present to answer the phone, check/sort the mail, and assist with the bulletin. The church office is closed on Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering in the church office, please reach out to Lucy Freeman or Pastor Sydne.

**WE ARE HIRING OUR NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** and looking for the right candidate! The complete job description can be found on the church website. A blue QR code in the bulletin takes candidates to a short application All interested applicants should email their cover letter and resume to [office@peacepresbyterian.org](mailto:office@peacepresbyterian.org) or call the church office.

**THE FOOD BANK OF ENC NEEDS OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.** April's focus collection is fruit; in May we will collect hygiene items, including diapers!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM** every Sunday through May 12 in the Conference Room.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST** is held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. The next date is May 2, at 7:30 a.m.

**THE JOY GROUP** is a gathering for those 60+ who consider themselves to be "young-at-heart!" The group will meet on April 30, at 12:00 noon, at Bum's Restaurant in Ayden for a Dutch-treat lunch.

**COMMUNITY CROSSROADS SHELTER MEALS** Please sign up to provide a meal for the Crossroads shelter, for either May or June. There are funds available to help offset or cover the cost of food. Volunteers can serve the meal, or drop off the meal for our neighbors to serve themselves.

