



The Service for The Lord's Day

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOURTH SUNDAY LOOSE OFFERING

April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m.



Welcome!

We especially welcome all *guests* and *visitors*. We are glad you are here!

Worship

is "live-streamed" on our church's [YouTube Channel](#) which can be accessed by visiting our church website:

www.fpc-belmont.org

Or by scanning the QR code below.



Joining the Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please speak to the Pastor or one of those assisting with Worship after the service.

Publications

The *Harbinger* church newsletter, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* devotionals, and the *Joys & Concerns of the Church* pamphlet are available in the Gathering Area and the GRAB&GO Area by the front circle driveway at the Main Church entrance.

Thank you

for muting mobile phones and refraining from taking any flash pictures during Worship.

* Asterisk *

An asterisk indicates please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven/Sherman

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship — Invocation

*Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

- 1) *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*
- 2) *Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*
- 3) *Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*
- 4) *Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Prayer of Confession

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, for we long to be together within Your gates. Yet even heaven cannot contain You, much less this house which we call home. You reside beyond these walls, and You know our thoughts from afar. Our shortcomings are ever before You, and our sins invade Your presence. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we know that unless You are the builder, we labor in vain. Surround us with Your steadfast love, and forgive all our transgressions. May our lives witness to Your presence with us, so we may bring honor to You, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Volunteers Today

Safety Greeters
Off-Duty Police Officer
Allen Buchanan

Ushers
8:30

Kathryn Eaker
Jan Leicht
Michelle Sanders
Amy VanderMeer

11:00
Kathryn Eaker
Summer Faulk
Bow Lee
Chris Tolleson
Selina Stowe
John Devine

Audio-Visual Team
Lee Wooden

Acolytes
Dean Roche (8:30)
Everette Pressley (8:30)
Ian Roche (8:30)

Aidan DiStefano (11:00)
Ethan DiStefano (11:00)
Libby Faulk (11:00)

Prayers of the People
Charles Sellers

Youth Reader
Jacob Johnson

Scripture Reader
Kathryn Eaker

Music
Sanctuary Choir
Handbell Choir
David German, *Director*
Pat Crowe, *Organ*

Carillon
Mary McFarland

*Welcome — *Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements
The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Children's Sermon

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.
Afterward, children return to their seats with family.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

David Marsh, soloist

arr. D. German

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen*

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us pray together:

**All: We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church

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.

Hymn 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Children are invited to *Sunday School* as we sing.

- 1) Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.***
- 2) Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, To them that find Thee, all in all.***
- 3) We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.***
- 4) Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.***
- 5) Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the night of sin away, Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.***

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Unison Prayer for Illumination. Let us pray.
People: **Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Unison Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Leader: Our Unison Reading is from *1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 1-8*.
Join with me.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant
⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
⁸ Love never ends.

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8; 1 John 4:7-21

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

Sermon

"No Fear In Love"

Daria Ragan

*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 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 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

- 1) *Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!*
- 2) *Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.*
- 3) *O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.*

*Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

H. Coleman

Carillon Voluntary

This Week

Sunday, April 28

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Fourth Sunday Loose Offering*

8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir
(grades 1-7)
5:00 p.m. **Board of Deacons**
Middle School Youth
6:30 p.m. High School Youth

Monday, April 29

Weekday School & Preschool
11:00 a.m. Yoga for Parkinson's
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 62
Cub Scout Pack 62

Tuesday, April 30

Weekday School & Preschool
9:15 a.m. WDS *Gymnastics*
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Rice N Beans

Wednesday, May 1

Weekday School & Preschool
7:15 a.m. Men's Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. FPC Sewing Group
12:30 p.m. Rotary of Belmont
3:15 p.m. School Age Chapel
4:15 p.m. Children's Choir
5:00 p.m. WOW
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:30 p.m. High School Study

Thursday, May 2

Weekday School & Preschool
9:00 a.m. WDS *Dance*
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff
3:00 p.m. WDS *Gymnastics*
5:00 p.m. Community Bible
Study *(Leadership)*
6:30 p.m. Community Bible
Study
7:00 p.m. Ala-Teen *(Scout Hut)*

Friday, May 3

Weekday School & Preschool
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir
Rehearsal & Party

Saturday, May 4

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. All Youth
Adventure Day *(Camp Grier)*
11:00 a.m. Terry Lineberger
Wendt Funeral
12:00 p.m. Bereavement Meal

Sunday, May 5

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Children's Ministry Sunday
Annual Church Picnic
Congregational Meeting*

Today

ELDERS

Mark Paschall
Clerk of Session
Lee Stewart
Assistant Clerk

Class of 2024

Karen Coffey
Dave Comstock
Keith Gogel
Laurie Maultsby
Carrie Minnich
Don Rogers
Charles Sellers

Class of 2025

Ashley Bruce
Scott Burnett
Bill Carstarphen
Ann Davis
Ted McGavran
Deborah Walker
Paula Wallace

Class of 2026

Travis Cromlish
Terri Forsyth
Trisha Gerould
Lynn Jenkins
John McGill
Anouk Taylor
Margaret Wilkins

DEACONS

Class of 2024

Allen Buchanon
Kevin Cline
Kathryn Eaker, *Chair*
Josh Monza
Travis Page
Megan Rhoden
Eleanor Tolley

Class of 2025

Thomas Hunter
Bow Lee
Jan Leicht
Nicholas Roselle
Billy Simmons
Sarah Stewart
Selina Stowe, *Vice-Chair*

Class of 2026

John Devine
Summer Faulk
Trisha Gullede
Will Kieffer
Augusta Smith
Chris Tolleson
Amy VanderMeer

Welcome All! Please take a moment following the *Passing the Peace of Christ* and sign the Friendship Register near the aisle of each pew. We are glad you are here!

Today is the 5th Sunday of Easter. The color is White through *Eastertide* (March 31 to May 19) until *The Day of Pentecost* (May 28) when the liturgical color becomes Red.

The Fourth Sunday Loose Offering is designated for the *Pastors' Discretionary Fund* and used to assist members of our church and others in the Belmont Community.

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Session on Sunday, May 5 during Worship (8:30 & 11:00) following the Announcements to elect 1 woman and 1 man to the 2024 *Nominating Committee*.

Visitor-Inquirer-New Member Class for those interested in learning more about our church meets the first Sunday of each month in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m.

Infant & Toddler Nursery with Childcare Staff is offered each Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room *EB 116*.

Children's Sunday School for *Preschoolers* through *5th Graders* meets in the *Library* at 9:45 a.m. and following *The Lord's Prayer* during Worship (8:30 and 11:00).

Middle School Youth Sunday School for *6th & 7th Grade* students meets in *Multipurpose Room E* at 9:45 a.m.

8th Grade Confirmation Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Multipurpose Room C*.

High School Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Room EB 105*.

Adult Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45 a.m. in the *Conference Room* (Feasting on the Word) and in the *Chapel* (Life-Applications).

Middle School Youth meets this evening (5:00-6:00).

High School Youth meets this evening (6:30-7:30).

Wednesday

Men's Midweek Fellowship meets at 7:15 a.m. in the *Library* and through *Zoom* and begins a study of *George Barna's* book, *Think Like Jesus*. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the *Multipurpose Room*.

FPC Sewing Group meets 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the *Fellowship Hall*.

WOW (Worship On Wednesdays) for *Kindergarten* through *5th Graders* meets at 5:00 p.m. preceded by *Children's Choir* at 4:15 p.m.

Family Night Supper Menu: *Sub Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomato and Pickles, Fresh Fruit, Chips and Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert, Tea & Water.*

Kids Menu: *Grilled Cheese Sandwich.* Register on [Realm](#) or our website (www.fpc-belmont.org) by Wednesday at Noon.

Adult Choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

Women with Faith meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the *Parlor* at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Evening Prayer in the *Sanctuary* meets every Monday at 6 p.m.

Men's Breakfast meets every Saturday morning in the *Fellowship Hall* at 7:30 a.m.

Youth Adventure Day for *ALL* youth at Camp Grier is Saturday, May 4. Register on [Realm](#) by April 26.

Annual Church Picnic is Sunday, May 5 following 11:00 Worship, which is *Children's Ministry Sunday*. Please log onto [Realm](#) to view the menu and to register.

OneBlood Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 7 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the *Library*. Please visit our website (www.fpc-belmont.org) to schedule your appointment.

Ministry and Program Staff

The Rev. Samuel P. Warner, *Pastor*
The Rev. Daria L. Ragan, *Associate Pastor*
David German, *Director of Music Ministries*
Pat Graham Crowe, *Organist*
Robin Russell, *Director of Christian Education*
Lee Wooden, *Youth Ministry Director*
Allie Kleinheinz, *Christian Education Assistant*
Jacob Johnson, *Christian Education Assistant*
Tina Walker, *Weekday School Director*
Kathy Goodman, *Weekday School Assistant Director*



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Sherri Smith, *Church Administrator*
Cathy Pennington, *Financial Administrator*
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Paul Funkhouser, *Assistant Building Superintendent*
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