



The Service for The Lord's Day

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

May 12, 2024



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

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship — Invocation

*Hymn 138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

- 1) *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*
- 2) *Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be.*
- 3) *Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*
- 4) *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. Yet we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. Have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of Your promises to us in baptism, so we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

(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.*

Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Offering

Volunteers Today

Safety Greeters
Off-Duty Police Officer
Allen Buchanon

Ushers
8:30
John Devine
Bow Lee
Travis Page
Selina Stowe

11:00
Kevin Cline
Kathryn Eaker
Summer Faulk
Bow Lee

Audio-Visual Team
Lee Wooden

Acolytes
Ryleigh Kelly (11:00)
Evie Tolleson (11:00)

Prayers of the People
Scott Burnett

Youth Reader
Trip Stacey

Scripture Reader
Kathryn Eaker

Music
Sanctuary 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

O Jesus, Grant me Hope and Comfort

Johann Frank

*O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.
My heart, my soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee.
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man,
My Morning Star. O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.*

*O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.
My thoughts, desires, and all my longing, I dedicate,
O Christ, to Thee. O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.*

*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

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

- 1) *"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."*
- 2) *"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one.
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*
- 3) *"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."*
- 4) *"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*

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

Ephesians 4:4-6, 14-16

Leader: Our Unison Reading is from Paul's *Letter to the Ephesians*, Chapter 4, selected verses. Join with me.

People: ⁴ **There is one body and one Spirit,**
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all,**
who is above all and through all and in all.
¹⁴ **We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro**
and blown about by every wind of doctrine....
¹⁵ **But speaking the truth in love,**
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ,
¹⁶ **from whom the whole body, ... as each part is working properly,**
promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Scripture Reading

I John 3:1-3; II Timothy 1:1-7; I Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Who Will We Become?"

Sam Warner

Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant and Public Profession of Faith

Presentation

Mark Paschall

Harley Green (Matt Moore)

Lilly Rymer (Karen Coffey)

Liam Miller (Josh Monza)

Trip Stacey (Bill Faulk)

Sam Stewart (Mark Paschall)

The Teaching

Robin Russell

Profession of Faith

Sam Warner

*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.

*Commitment to Ministry and Discipleship

Daria Ragan

Sacrament of Baptism

Lilly Anne Rymer

Prayer and Laying On of Hands

Lindsay Rhyne, Mary Warner, Lee Wooden

Welcome and Presentation of Certificates

Mark Paschall

*Hymn 485

To God Be the Glory

- 1) ***To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us his Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.***

**Refrain: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!***

- 2) ***Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus His Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain***

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Carillon Voluntary

This Week

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Confirmation
Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
6:30 p.m. High School Youth

Monday, May 13

Weekday School & Preschool

11:00 a.m. Yoga for Parkinson's
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. **Worship
Personnel &
Administration
Coordinating &
Planning**
Boy Scout Troop 62
Cub Scout Pack 62

Tuesday, May 14

Weekday School & Preschool

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

Wednesday, May 15

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
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:00 p.m. High School
Fellowship

Thursday, May 16

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 17

Weekday School & Preschool

10:00 a.m. Preschool
Graduation
6:30 p.m. Weekday School
Graduation

Saturday, May 18

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Violin Recital
Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Piano Recital

Sunday, May 19

*Day of Pentecost
Senior Sunday
Piano Recital
South Point Baccalaureate*

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 Buchanan
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

Today

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 7th Sunday of Easter. The color is White through *Easter tide* (March 31 to May 18) until *The Day of Pentecost* (May 19) when the liturgical color becomes Red.

We receive our 8th Grade Confirmation Class into Church membership today, and we express appreciation for those who have served as Mentors (whose names are printed beside each Confirmand) as well as teachers of this year's Confirmation Class: *Lindsay Rhyne, Mary Warner, and Lee Wooden*. We also express our appreciation to *Laura Fuller* and *Cathy Stokes* for putting together the 2024 Confirmation Banner.

The Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Offering is received on the second Sunday of each month and used to support hunger relief efforts in our community.

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 continues 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) and the Children's Choir for *Kindergarten* through *5th grade* will resume in September.

Family Night Supper Menu: *Seasoned Baked Pork Chops, Mixed Vegetables, Yellow Rice, Baked Apples, Yeast Rolls, and Ice Cream Sandwiches* for dessert, *Tea & Water*. 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.

High School Senior Sunday will be next Sunday, May 19 during *Worship* (11:00). A breakfast for graduates, their families, and those assisting in *Worship* will be at 10:00 a.m. in the *Fellowship Hall*.

Baccalaureate for South Point High School's *Class of 2024* is next Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in our *Sanctuary*.

Outdoor Worship begins Memorial Day Weekend.

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*



Administrative and Support Staff

Sherri Smith, *Church Administrator*
Cathy Pennington, *Financial Administrator*
Jessica White, *Communications Director*
Ken Dole, *Building Superintendent*
Paul Funkhouser, *Assistant Building Superintendent*
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Jennifer Davis, *Family Night Supper Coordinator*
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