

“He Who Began” *Mohr*
He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it, He’ll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be, Faithful to complete it in you.

He who began a good work in me, He who began a good work in me
Will be faithful to complete it, He’ll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be, Faithful to complete it in me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of empty tombs and emptier people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us fresh compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, refresh us, and fill us with the assurance of your presence.

Silent Confession *(Here let each worshipper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** *(Hymn #734)*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 139:1-18 p. 974

Choral Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” (Hymn #502) *Slane*
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart: Naught 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 and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heav’n’s
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whate’er befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Children’s Message *(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)*

Second Reading John 14:23-27 p. 1676

Sermon “God and You”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #132 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” *Morecambe*

Reaffirmation of the Baptism Covenant
for those Making a Public Profession of Faith
Elise Hallstoos, Ethan Blair, and Matt Gunn

***Affirmation of Faith** “Apostles’ Creed” *(Back cover of hymnal)*
Welcome
...What words of welcome do we have for them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church?
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one with him.

Encounter with the Risen Christ John Eby

Congregational Response
Hymn #291 “Alleluia No. 1” *(chorus only)* *Fishel*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer *(Back cover of hymnal)*

The Offering
Offertory “Consecrated, Lord to Thee” *arr. Wagner*
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #425 “Christ Beside Me” *Bunnesan*

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** “Praise to the Lord of Boundless Might” *arr. S. Scott*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Linda Longfield, *liturgist*
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Ethan & Thomas Blair, *greeter*
The Congregational Life Committee will celebrate the confirmands at Coffee Hour
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

Who We Are
First Presbyterian Church is a diverse community of people who are experiencing the Father’s love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood and world—through ministries of worship, nurture, education, and outreach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THIS IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Our fellowship time following worship is in honor of our confirmands: Elise Hallstoos, Matt Gunn, and Ethan Blair. Please plan to remain for this joyous time together.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of the remarkable biblical pastorate of Rev. Dr. Achtemeier, who served God and the whole church! As a family, we thank you for your special care in our times of need. God bless you and your future endeavors! The Sturman family: John, Marge, Richard, Robert, and spouses

CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES! Cards for Hunter Brehm, Jennifer Pattee, and Maggie Lewis await you in the Coffee Hour Room. We will celebrate their achievements at Coffee Hour on May 13.

ALSO ON MAY 13TH during coffee hour the Congregational Life Com looks forward to celebrating our faithful Sunday School Teachers and recognizing their service in the life of the church.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE! To learn about the decisions the Session has made in light of Kat’s retirement, please see your April newsletter or speak to one of the Ruling Elders: Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, Rachel Vander Broek, Annalee Ward, Bob Monthey or John Dillman. Please also lift these persons in your prayers.

NOW AVAILABLE! Work crews of Mission Team participants who are eager to earn much-needed funds for this summer’s mission trip. What are your needs? Landscape work, mulching, painting, trimming, weeding, tilling? They are ready to go to work. Please contact Steve Foxen or the pastor if you are interested in hiring a crew.

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! We have made progress on brainstorming ways to serve together this summer! Jennifer is now looking for 2-3 volunteers to be "point people" for each of the service days. Talk to Jennifer about ways you can help or email her at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

MISSIONARY NEWS—Get their newsletter in the Coffee Room or Narthex.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour Room. Please consider serving.

PREACHING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS! Rev. Achtemeier on April 29; Presbytery Executive, Rev. Chaz Ruark on May 6; Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek on May 13; Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons on May 20 (Pentecost), and Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong on May 27.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through April 15th totaled \$10,840.55.