

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
That All May Know God's Love

Welcome, we are honored and glad you have come to worship with FPC today. If you are a visitor and have any questions, feel free to ask members of our Hospitality Team stationed at the doors at the back and side of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting held after worship today for the purpose of dissolving the call between Rev. Laura Neely and First Presbyterian Church.

Volunteer at Camp Viola, July 7 - 11, 2024: FPC is co-hosting Camp Viola again this year with Loyd and Dallis-Dodd Presbyterian Churches and we need volunteers to help with everything from prepping meals, to assisting with arts and crafts, to helping with clean up. If you are unfamiliar with this program, every summer churches take a week to host camp so that kids who would not normally be able to go to summer camp can go for free. Research shows that camp helps kids with independence, social skills, and just creates a lot of really good memories. Help us make camp a meaningful experience for all the kids who attend this summer. See Friday email for sign-up.

Vacation Bible School: We have over 100 children registered for Vacation Bible School. The VBS team, including the Formation Council, has decided that registration is now closed. If you would like to put your children on the waiting list, please email Margaret Goodlet at mgoodlet@fpclagrange.org. Spots could be available at a later date. As you know VBS takes a lot of volunteers, love, and prayer. Please reach out to Margaret Goodlet if you would be willing to volunteer, mgoodlet@fpclagrange.org.

Listen LaGrange: Listen LaGrange is an outdoor music festival that fights poverty and celebrates local musicians. Join us today from 2-7pm at Pure Life House of Music. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Tickets are online for \$35 and \$40 at the door. 12 and under are free. Money raised from this event will go directly to benefit Circles of Troup County.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: FPC will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 14 from 2:00-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: fpclagrange or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Ghosts, Legends & Spirited History - Friday, May 17, 7:00pm, \$15.00 ticket: Docent Lewis Powell leads this tour and you're guaranteed to learn something interesting about our town's history on this walk in downtown LaGrange. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. The tour starts on the sidewalk in front of the Archives building. It's appropriate for all ages and the route is paved so it's easily accessible. Contact James Goodlet to sign up: jgoodlet@fpclagrange.org

College Graduates: If you are a college graduate, or have a son or daughter graduating from college, please email Leighton Parker, leightonparker@fpclagrange.org, with the graduate's name, degree, and university. FPC will recognize these graduates in the Sunday bulletin on Graduate Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 am.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 5		Wednesday, May 8	
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 am	Biscuits & Blessings @ LHS.....	7:30 am
Listen LaGrange.....	2:00 pm	DeCelle Morning Ministry.....	8:30 am
Monday, May 6		Formation Staff meeting.....	9:00 am
First Coffee.....	7:00 am	Women of the Church.....	11:00 am
Biscuits & Blessings @ Springwood.....	7:30 am	Montessori Chapel.....	11:30 am
Staff Meeting.....	10:00 am	LaGrange High School Strings Recital.....	6:00 pm
Staff Lunch.....	11:30 am	Adult Choir.....	6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 7		Thursday, May 9	
Craft Group.....	3:30 pm	Biscuits & Blessings @ LGA.....	7:30 am
Hospitality Team Meeting.....	5:00 pm	Community Lunch Program.....	9:00 am
Friends with Bill.....	5:30 pm	Friday, May 10	
Zoom Youth Parent meeting.....	5:30 pm	Finance Meeting.....	2:00 pm
		Friends with Bill.....	8:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Dave Tomlin, May 3</i>	<i>Alex Brown, May 6</i>
<i>Brooke Blackwell, May 4</i>	<i>Raymond Countess, May 6</i>
<i>Roy Conine, May 4</i>	<i>Sarah Jones, May 7</i>
<i>Ann Beason, May 5</i>	<i>John Sargent, May 7</i>
<i>Georgette Bennington, May 5</i>	<i>Joleen Allen, May 8</i>
<i>Jerry Cleaveland, May 5</i>	<i>Rachel Arndt, May 8</i>
	<i>Lauren Thompson, May 8</i>



May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15: 1-5

The sweetest grapes are picked from the vineyard of friendship. French proverb

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. John Hudson
 Isaac Brewer, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 119 & John 15
 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.
“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.”
 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
“I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

***HYMN 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Pat Priebe, liturgist

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
 God of mercy and grace, we confess we have not tended to one another as you would have us do. We have cut ourselves off from those who are different, those with whom we disagree, those around whom we cannot stand to be. We have failed to take into account that we are all branches in your vineyard, that we are all part of your body. Forgive us, we pray. Reconnect, restore, and re-galvanize us to move forward together as your redeemed and resurrected people. In the name of Jesus, who laid down his life for us, we pray. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

excerpts from John 15

Jesus said, "You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love."
"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."
Believe the Good News of the Gospel!
Through Jesus Christ we are all forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN 245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (vs. 2)

LLANFAIR

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON pg. 109

John 15: 9-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

John Ness Beck

If you love me, keep my commandments. If you love me, heed my law. If you seek me, you shall surely find me, if you search for me with all your heart.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

****HYMN 188**

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

***During the singing of the hymn, children 3 years to second grade are invited to children's worship.*

SERMON

The Vineyard

Rev. James Goodlet

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER

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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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation (Stanza 1 only)

AURELIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcot

***The congregation may stand. Bold print is spoken by the congregation. Bold italicized is sung by the congregation.**

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PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Members: John Long, Lynda Brock, Betty Drinkard, Emma Allen, Jake Duraski, Jessica Brown, Ruth Ellen & Oron Trotter, Eddie Yearta, Kenneth Yearta, Betty Wallace, Sharon Teaver, Sheila White, Joyce Jordan, Jonnie Jackson

Friends & Family: Sara Liebrock (Pat Priebe's niece), Willie Cooks (Principal of Berta Weathersbee), Janet Maddox (cousin of Paula Thurman), Logan Parrott (Marilyn Mayer's grandson), Judy Barlow (Beth Evans' Aunt), Randy Sargent (John Sargent's brother), Charles Campbell (Susan Cashwell's brother), Sally Estes (Anne Seay's daughter), Emily Sciarrone (Happy & Lawrence Blakely's granddaughter), Beth Duttera Newman (Sue Duttera's daughter), Outland/Bryant family, Tessa Long (friends of Ellen Butts & family), Cindy Skipworth, Jenny Goodrow (Janis Kish's niece), Larry Floyd, Paul McWhirter, Kate Kirby (friends of Susan Martin), Ray Henderson (Dana Countess' father), Phyllis Bentley (Elise Musick's cousin), Marshall Morton III (son of Emily Morton), Beth Etheridge, Gary Shriver Sr., Gary Shriver Jr. (family of Sheila White), Connie Lunsford (friend of Sheila White), Gwen Lukemire (Brenda Lukemire's daughter), men & women in our armed services, first responders.