

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Lunch & Learn Workshop April 17th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Brain Health/Memory Loss* RSVP: Rosanna Cureton-Jones at 828:238-0551.**

****American Diabetes Walk* – April 18th from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – Donations are to be given to Rosanna Cureton-Jones.**

***Mark your calendars for *Tuesdays Together*, a monthly dinner party for members aged 55+. Join us at First United Presbyterian Church on April 28, 2026, from 5:30–7:30 pm with other local churches. Dinner costs \$18 per person plus a \$3 service charge. Register by April 21; see the flyer and QR code on the bulletin board for details. If you are able, please make plans to attend.**

*ASSISTANCE NEEDED: if you are available for Sunday Services and/or available to assist on one or more Sundays from April 5th through the end of December 2026, please contact Barbara Carr or Laura Wallace after worship. Thank you!

***THESE DAYS:** If you hold a subscription for the 2026 These Days, kindly contact Stephanie Williams. The second quarter (April, May, and June) of the devotionals can be found in the church secretary's office. Thank you, Barbara Carr.

*Don't forget your per capita of \$30.00 for 2026.

*Church Families, our **2026 Annual Attendance Statistic Sheet** and **Weekly Headcount Slips** are **missing from the Statical Binder** which is kept in the Office. Barbara Carr submits this information to the Presbytery at the end of each year! Please return stated items asap for our end-of-the-year report. In addition, a specific number of Worship Service Bulletins are printed each week; "why are additional copies being printed during Worship Service? Please wait until Service is over, take any that are in the Narthex after Service.. Thank you!!!



[QR Code](#)

If you are visiting with us today and would like to give *Gifts and Offering*, you may use your telephone and the QR Code listed above. The QR Code can be scanned from this bulletin and/or the Church Website.

Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

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April 12, 2026



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We Gather

****Prelude:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

****Announcements & Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”

***Call to Worship:**

L: Though darkness seems to envelop us.

P: Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.

L: Fears are banished!

P: Hope is more than restored

L: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

All: We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings. Amen.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less:”

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

We listen to the news, read the newspapers, and wonder if peace will ever reign in your world, Lord. Today we have been invited to be with the disciples in that hidden place where they also wondered about peace and hope. You broke through. You shattered the darkness and they were astonished again. Help us to understand that you will bring peace to each one of us. Forgive all those times when we treat this moment of revelation as though it was impossible. Give us the courage to reach out to you and touch our hearts once again. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Open your hearts and ears, beloved people of God. You are loved, forgiven and chosen to be called disciples. Be at peace!

***Passing the Peace:**

****Special Selection:** “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand Chancel Choir

***Please stand if you are able.**

****Worshippers may enter or exit.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:32, 36-41
Charles Sammons, Jr.

Sermon:

“Stand with Hope”
1 Peter 1:3-9
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

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Prayers of the People

Choral Response: “Thank You For Hearing Our Prayer”

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison):**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ our 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.**

Tithes and Offerings: “God Is So Good”

Chancel Choir

Doxology: “Glory Be To The Father”

Celebration Song: “Hope of the World” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

Chancel Choir

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: “He Is Lord”

Chancel Choir