

Moment for Meditation

(Piano solo will conclude with congregation singing vs. 3 #502)

* Profession of Faith: #14

* Hymn: #687

* Charge

* Sung Response: #690

Bind us together, Lord:
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord:
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with love.

* Blessing

Postlude:

"Amazing Grace"

J. Newton

Apostles' Creed

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

"Bind Us Together"

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andre Crouch

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.



Prayer Requests

the Heinlein's), the family of Marvin Williams (brother-in-law of Ginnie Phillippe).

Members: Kip Burton, Nathalie Givens, Valerie Lucas, Hi Nicely, Meg and Bob Omer, Jim Porter

Friends and family of FPC: Mick Caudill (relative of the Heinlein's), Jimmy Gardner, (Ann Gardner's brother), Mary Rae (former organist at FUMC), Welden Martin (Member of FUMC), Keith Morgan (a friend of Lyn and Kip Burton), the family of Ann Shultz (cousin of Paul Phillippe), Randy Toepfer (friend of

Service for the Lord's Day

May 17, 2026 10:20 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music

10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

7th Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *"Let All Things Now Living"*
John Zundel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive; see Micah 6:6,8))

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One With what shall we come before the Holy One,

Many: and bow ourselves before God on high?

One: God has shown us what is good.

Many: What does the Holy One require of us,

All: but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #2 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*
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Call to Confession: (responsive; Romans 5:8; Heb. 4:16)

One: The proof of god's amazing love is this:

Many: While we were sinners Christ died for us.

One: Because we have faith in him,

Many: we dare to approach God with confidence.

All: in faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Holy and merciful God,

In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

Many: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

One: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

Many: that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

All: We declare to all who repent in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen!

* Gloria Patri: #805

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Regular offering

Offertory

"Ancient Words"

L. Deshazo

* Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #809
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

* Prayer of Dedication

Special Music:

Joyful Singers

"Peace Like a River"

Anonymous

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pgs. 500-501)

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Hymn: #21 (vs 1, 2, repeat refrain)

"How Great Thou Art"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 941)

John 17:1-11

Sermon:

"And This Is Eternal Life"
(To Know God and Jesus Christ)

Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

**Planned Office Hours for the
Week of May 17
Mon. 10:30—4:30 pm, Wed. 10:00 – 3:00,
Friday 10:00 am- 3:00 pm**

Sunday, May 17 7th Sunday of Easter
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Patsy D & _____
 Fellowship: Walker
Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service, Sanctuary
 Mon., May 18 HFI, 6:00, Fellowship
 Tue., May 19 Endowment, 4:00 pm, Fellowship
 Thurs., May 21 HFI, 6:30 pm, Fellowship

Sunday, May 24 Day of Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: _____ & _____
 Fellowship: L. Bolton & E. Rowland
Guest Minister: Kyle Allen
Guest Musician: David Austin
 Mon., May 25 Memorial Day
 Wed., May 27 Joyful Singers, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
 Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service, 5:00 pm Sanctuary,
 Light supp
 Thurs., May 21 HFI, 6:30 pm, Fellowship

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Announcements

- A Congregational meeting has been called for today immediately after the service for the stated purpose of electing a new Trustee.
- **Birthdays:** Rachael Paderick – May 21, Cindy Bailey – May 23, Joel Branscom – May 26, June 1: Sky Paderick, June 10: Mardee Kilby & Bill Walker.
- **Joyful Singers** and **Back Street Ringers** – no practice this Week
- **The Woman’s Bible study** and **Adult Sunday School** are starting our summer break. Plan on starting back up after Labor Day. Woman’s Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, September 15 at 2:00 pm. The Adult Sunday School will meet next on Sunday September 13 at 9:30 am.
- If you have need of the church building or one of its rooms, please make sure you let Danette know so she can reserve it for you on the **Church calendar!**
- If you use the church building, please make sure that all lights are turned off, and **all doors are locked before you leave.**
- Make sure that your calendar’s are marked for our next **Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service** at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28. We will have a light Fellowship supper, immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Potluck** – Mark your calendars! **Sunday June 7.**
- QR Code for an E-Giving option:



Hymns:

#2 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful flesh 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!

#21 “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,

I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,

thy power throughout the universe displayed:.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander

and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain x2)

#687 “Shall We gather at the River?”

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

[Refrain:]

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)



Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him!

² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,

let the wicked perish before God!

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy!

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds;
his name is the Lord, exult before him!

⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity;
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

⁷ O God, when thou didst go forth before thy people,
when thou didst march through the wilderness, *Selah*

⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
at the presence of God;
yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God,
the God of Israel.

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, thou didst shed abroad;
thou didst restore thy heritage as it languished;

¹⁰ thy flock found a dwelling in it;
in thy goodness, O God, thou didst provide for the needy.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

³³ to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
lo, he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel,

and his power is in the skies.

³⁵ Terrible is God in his sanctuary,

the God of Israel,

he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

New Testament Reading:

John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, ² since
thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast
given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom thou hast sent. ⁴ I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the
work which thou gavest me to do; ⁵ and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own
presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

⁶ “I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world;
thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. ⁷ Now
they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; ⁸ for I have given
them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in
truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹ I am
praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given
me, for they are thine; ¹⁰ all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in
them. ¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am
coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that
they may be one, even as we are one.

