



# 5th Sunday of Eastertide

April 28, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRELUDE

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God.*

### \*HYMN #376 (Blue)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

( Unison)

*Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Responsive

**Leader:** We know that God is not out to get us but to save us. Therefore, let us open our hearts and lives to God's presence and accept the gift of life eternal and declare:

**All:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**\*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.*

## A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

*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*

## WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

SECOND READING:

John 15:1-8

THE SERMON:

Rev. Hugh Ward

*"Look ! Who Is in Charge?"*

## WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

**\*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.*

### \*HYMN # 339 (Blue)

*Be Thou My Vision*

### \*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:22-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

**\*POSTLUDE** - (\*) *We stand as we are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words: “Who will you invite to church next Sunday?”**
2. **An abbreviated version of “The Jesus Revolution” Movie will be shown at our Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Invite someone to see it!**
3. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we’re here – to share the Real Jesus.**
4. **We’re on a mission for God. Plan to join by Profession of Faith in Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Letter and help us make a difference for Christ in Tifton.**
5. **Copies of the May calendar have been included with the bulletin; extra copies are on the table in the back of the church.**
6. **We are pricing more bricks to add to our walkway; the bricks can be purchased in memory or in honor of someone; there are forms on the table in the back of the church.**
7. **Please keep Michael Lindsey in your prayers. His sister, Linda Lindsey Norman, passed away on April 3, 2024.**
8. **Also please keep Charlotte Fall and her family in your prayers; Adam, who was also a member here died on March 29, 2024. Charlotte’s address is 21 Smith Court, Tifton 31794.**
9. **Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.**
10. **Invite, Invite, Invite. Your invitation may change a life for Christ. We are creating a “Culture of Invitation” here at First Pres through the following “Commitments for Christ”, which are easy ways for you to invite others:**
  - #3 – Heartwarming worship stories.
  - #7 – Service jobs and ways to make a difference in the Church.
  - #10 – The movie “Jesus Revolution.” ( May 19<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon)
  - #12 – A new Chancel Choir.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6



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