



7th Sunday of Eastertide

May 12, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Unison

We gather to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

*HYMN #324 (Red Hymnal)

I Need Thee Every Hour

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and showed us your love. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, who showed great concern and love for his own Mother, offers us hope, comfort, and salvation. On this Mother's Day Sunday, know that God's sustaining love and forgiveness is available to all people. Amen.

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Proverbs 1:8

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Romans 16:13

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"The Mother of Rufus"

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 # 326 (Red Hymnal)

Nearer My God To Thee

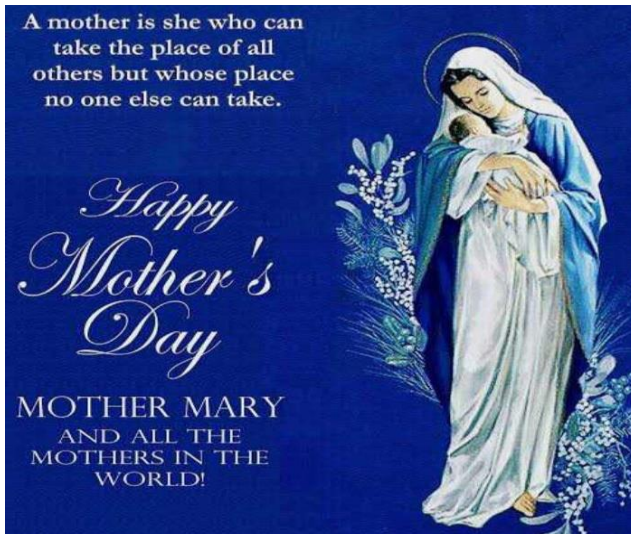
*BENEDICTION

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen."

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words:** *“Who will you invite to church next Sunday?”*
2. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres:** *Because we know why we’re here – to share the Real Jesus.*
3. *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.*
4. *We are adding bricks to our commemorative walkway. The cost of the bricks is \$45 each. They can be purchased in memory or in honor of someone. Please fill out one of the forms and place it in the offering plate (with payment) or it can be given to Allen Boyd. Forms can also be mailed to the church at PO Box 304, Tifton, GA 31793-0304*
5. *Our next fellowship luncheon will be on May 19th. We will be honoring Abigail and Emily Henderson who are graduating from TCHS and UGA. We will also honor Quinn Bowyer who graduated from TCHS last year (it was somehow overlooked).*
6. *Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.*
7. *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 19th after the luncheon)*
 - #12 – *A new Chancel Choir.*



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