

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

#### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Prayer René Vierne  
*How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou* Marcel Dupré  
*Song of May* Joseph Jongen

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *O Be Joyful in the Lord* John Yarrington

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 22:25-31

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek  
him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live  
forever.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord; all the families of the nations shall worship  
before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he  
rules over the nations.

**People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be  
told about the Lord, and proclaim deliverance to a  
people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

\*\*HYMN #483  
*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

#### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### WORD TO THE CHILDREN

*After the Word to the Children, children 4 years old through Kindergarten are  
invited to Children's Church. Debbie McGuire will escort them to their  
classroom. They may be picked up in Room 110 after worship.*

Leader: Now we go our separate ways.  
Adults: The Lord is with you there.  
Children: The Lord is with you here.

#### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### RECEPTION OF THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I John 4:7-21 Pew Bible, p. 241

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *First Love* Dr. Durham

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from The Declaration of Faith

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet  
born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and  
work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not  
confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of  
Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through  
his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the  
relationship between God and humanity that God always  
intended.**

#### WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:45) *O Loving Father* César Franck  
*John R. Orr, soloist*

(11:00) *Once to Every Man and Nation* David Stanley York

*Once to ev'ry man and nation comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of Truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side,  
By the light of burning martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet I track,  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back.  
Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis Truth alone is strong.  
Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne.  
Yet the scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.  
~ James Russell Lowell*

\* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (...forgive us our debts)

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,  
and then partake together.)*

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN #555 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You* John Yarrington

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz

Those who are able, please stand. \*\*Seating of late arrivals.  
**Please silence cell phones during worship.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Harlan Meredith, Mrs. Mary Cook Norton, Mrs. Kate Cross Meredith, and Mrs. Mary Kate Meredith Foster by Mrs. Harlan Meredith.

### ELDERS AT THE DOOR

Jean Hinton (*Chair*)  
Rebecca Pow (*Stillman Blvd.*)  
Virginia Parks (*Bryant Dr.*)

### DEACON GREETERS

Robin Maughan  
Joe Patton  
Rosemarie Childress

### USHERS (8:45)

Tommy Snow (*Captain*)  
Karl Harbin

### USHERS (11:00)

Joe Gattozzi (*Captain*)  
Bob Ennis (*Monitor*)  
Adrian Rowley      Chris Bailey  
Garrett McKone      Todd Vick

### CHILDCARE COORDINATOR

Leigh Ann Laney

### ONE YEAR-OLDS

Scott and Stephanie Hickman

### TWO YEAR-OLDS

Jeff and Noelle Mercurio

### THREE YEAR-OLDS

Martin and Emily Leiter

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Brant and Allison Lehman

### ACOLYTES

Kathleen O'Neal  
Shane Stephenson

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:45 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

### MONDAY, MAY 11

5:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee – Leadership Room

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

9:30 a.m. A-Team Leadership Meeting – Brandon Parlour  
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds – Leadership Room  
5:15 p.m. Childcare Committee – Leadership Room

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee – Leadership Room  
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee – Dining Room  
12:15 p.m. Endowment Committee – Brandon Parlour  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:00 p.m. Strengthening of the Church – Leadership Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Dining Room

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

10 :00- 12:00 p.m. PW Brunch at Leslie Ferguson's home

## WELCOME, GUESTS!

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us this morning. If you have any questions or concerns where we might serve you, please feel free to speak with one of the ministers as you leave the Sanctuary today. If you wish to inquire about programs or Sunday School classes offered at First Presbyterian Church, you may call the church office or visit our website at [www.fpctusc.org](http://www.fpctusc.org). Thank you for visiting with us.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

*Dr. Charles M. Durham, Pastor*

*Rev. Lou Ann Sellers, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission*

*Rev. Patrick W. Laney, Associate Pastor for Youth and Family*

*Rev. James Goodlet, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry*

*Dr. Thomas Herwig, Parish Associate*

*Dr. John R. Orr, Director of Music*

*Bill Pool, Church Administrator*

*Jenny Thagard, Director of Christian Education*

*L. Jeffries Binford, Organist*

*Serving Christ in the Heart of Tuscaloosa*

*The Tenth Day of May  
Two Thousand and Nine*

The eleven o'clock worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable TV, Channel 20. The previous Sunday's service is re-broadcast at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings on WVUA Ch. 7, Ch. 3 (Comcast Cable) Ch. 4 (Charter Cable) and 7/Wireless One Ch. 52. Our church web address is [www.fpctusc.org](http://www.fpctusc.org).