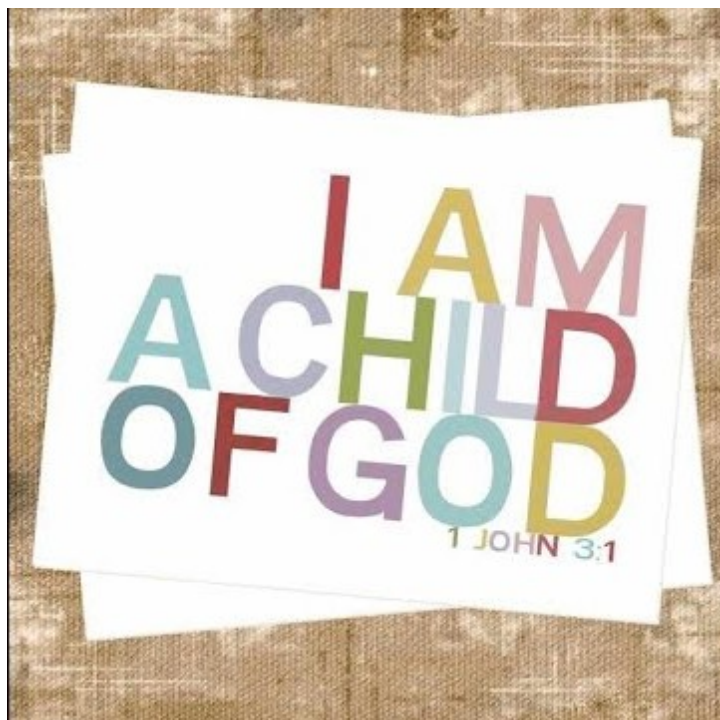


*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



O God, what love you have given us, that we should be called, children of God, and that is what we are. Amen.

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, April 14, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** Now the Green Blade Rises David Cherwien

**WELCOME** Liturgist

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

We live in the radiance of your glory. **Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.** We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation. **Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Liturgist

Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places. When we face uncertainty, you are there. When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there. And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there. Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." **Amen.**

**\*HYMN** #108 Christ Is Alive!

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Kaul

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Kaul

**Risen One, we confess our silence amid the persecution of others, silence that has often complied with oppression and brought harm. What can we do to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness? Help us to hear your voice above all others, and teach us how to care for our neighbor, feed the hungry, and clothe and care for those in need, for as we do these things unto one another, we do them also unto you.**  
*(Silent Reflection)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Kaul

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM** Mercy Tree M.W. Neale & K. Nordhoff/arr J. Martin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Liturgist

# A TIME TO BE YOUNG

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Psalm 4      Liturgist

<sup>1</sup> **Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

<sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> **But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.** <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”** <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> **I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**EPISTLE READING**      1 John 3:1-7      Rev. Kaul

**SERMON**      “Children of God”

**HYMN**    #111      Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostle’s Creed**      Liturgist

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.

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING**      Rev. Kaul

**OFFERTORY**      Jesus Christ Is Risen Today      David Schelat

**\*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 DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**\*HYMN #485 To God Be the Glory**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (*Mizpah Benediction*)**

**POSTLUDE Postlude in C A. Velenti**

**TODAY**

**Serving Today**

**LITURGIST-** Caroline O.

**USHERS-** John A., Bruce C., Ken F.

**COUNTERS -** Marion C., Heather N.

**FELLOWSHIP -** Presby Perennials

**FLOWERS -** Sherry M.

*"In memory of my mother, Marion, my Dad, Norbert, and my sister Lynn  
with love, Sherry M."*

**Session Meeting - today after worship**

# First Presbyterian Church

## INDOOR YARD SALE

**Friday, May 31, 2024 8 am - 2 pm**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2024 8 am - 2 pm**

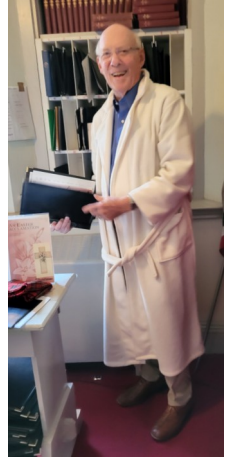
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Proceeds to benefit local food programs in our community.



You may drop off your treasures starting Sunday, May 19th.  
Set-up will be Tuesday, May 28th - Thursday, May 30th.  
Volunteers are needed.  
If you would like to volunteer, please let Marge know.

# Being Children of God





Remember who you  
are and whose you are.

Thea Bowman



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