ermon Notes:
To whom does our risen Lord draw near? (24:13-24)
How does He draw near? (24:25-32)
Why does He draw near? (24:28-35)
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This Week at 1st Pres

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Sunday, July			
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing	
10:15 AM	Sunday School		
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing	
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary	
Monday, July 17			
9:00 AM		Fellowship Hall	
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector	
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room	
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis	
Tuesday, July 18			
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Eallarrahin Hall	
10:00 AM		Fellowship Hall Tower 402	
10:00 Alvi 12:00 PM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402 Tower 404	
5:45 PM	Beatitude Living		
6:30 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	Fellowship Lounge Student Center	
0:30 11/1	High School Summer Bible Study Summer Women's Bible Study	Tower 10 th Floor	
Wednesday, July 19			
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall	
9:00 AM		Fellowship Hall	
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector	
1,50 1 111	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303	
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210	
6:00 PM	MS Youth Summer Bible Study	Student Center	
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Thursday, Ju		E 11 1 2 11 11	
	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall	
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center	
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center	
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom	
Friday, July 21			
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall	
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting		
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8th Floor	

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.

Prayers for Healing take place on the 2nd Sunday of a month.

The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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The Lord's Day SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 9:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Personal Worship Reflection

The opening of the Scriptures, the opening of our eyes, and the opening of our minds are three great blessings that we should all desire from our resurrected Lord.

- James Montgomery Boice

Personal Prayer of Preparation

O gracious Father,
How often we become discouraged in our walks.
Grant to us this day a clear vision
of our risen and reigning Lord.
For He is the One to Whom all Scripture testifies,
and the One Who mysteriously walks among us.
Open our eyes to gaze upon His beauty,
and inflame our hearts
to truly absorb Your living Word

and feast at Your table. Through our worship, may we become more convinced that it is true—Jesus Christ is Risen. Amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:16 ESV

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

People: That we may receive mercy

and find grace to help in time of need.

†Prayer of Invocation

†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.

†Songs of Praise

†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 at 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.

*living **universal

Prayer of Intercession

Announcements & Offering

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Luke 24:13-35—"The Risen Christ Draws Near"
Rev. Dr. Richard Cain

THE TABLE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Confession of Sin

Almighty God,

Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,

we are unworthy of Your pardoning grace.

For we have not believed Your promises,

nor trusted in You, our Living Lord.

Through worldliness of spirit, we have not discerned Your presence with us. Through discouragements and disappointments, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard Your Word.

We have forgotten the joy of Your victory over death, and ignore the things that belong to our peace.

So now in humility we come to You, asking forgiveness. Mercifully grant us release from all our sins and restore to us the joy of Your salvation, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 4:25 ESV

[Jesus Christ] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Communion

- Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus' cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
 who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
 who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
 who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
 and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus' broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

†Song of Response

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16 ESV

Pastor: Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God!

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sam and Margaret Venable.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 17th.

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