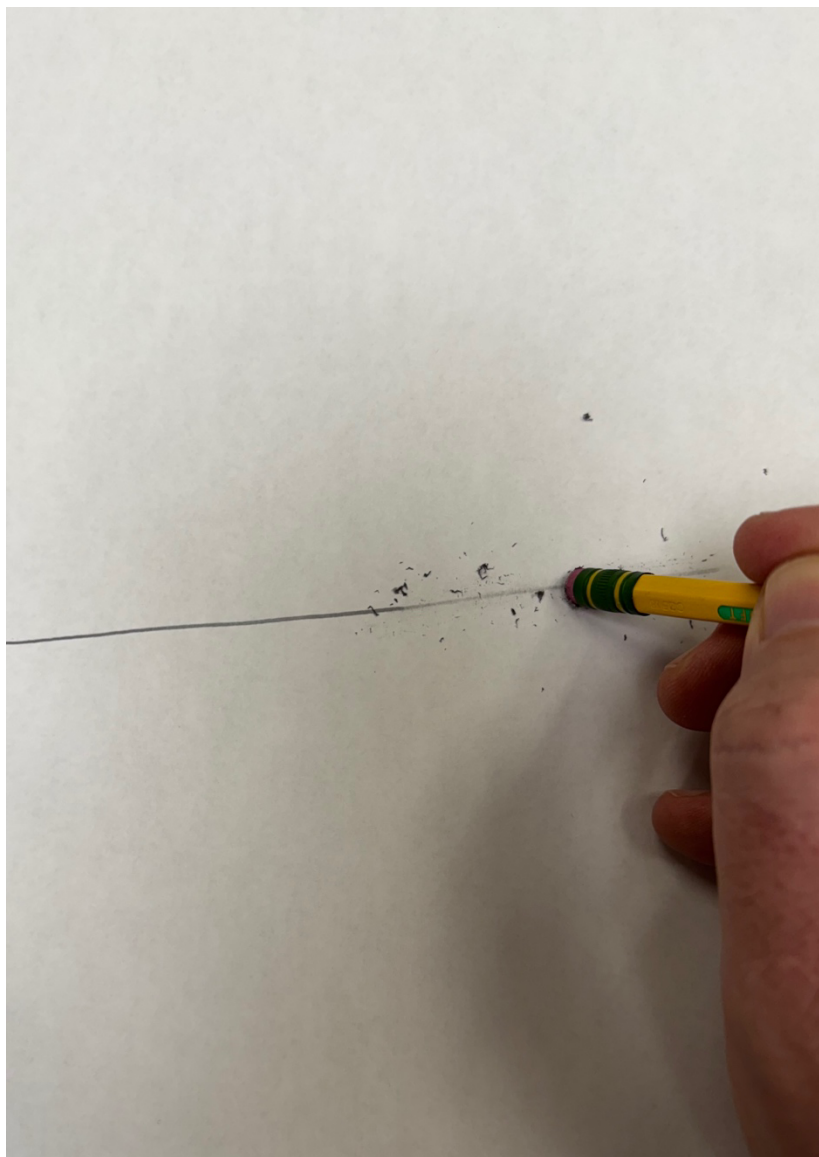




First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 18th, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude

A Trumpet Minuet
Bruce Stevens, organ

Alfred Hollins

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Introit

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Chancel Choir

Tanzanian Melody

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Refrain:
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." (Refrain)*

*Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)*

~ Bernard Kyamanywa, 1966; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1969

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 148)

One: Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the Heavens.

All: Praise God in the heights.

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars.

Let them all praise the Lord,

whose name alone is exalted.

*Hymn 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, poor, and oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Cate Jobe

*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the playground following worship.*

Hymn 460

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

NT p. 122

Sermon

“What’s Next: Erasing Lines”

Cate Jobe

*Affirmation of Faith (20th century South African creed)

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

One: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

All: We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

This is our faith. This is our hope.

Anthem

“God So Loved the World” from *Crucifixion*
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.*

~ John 3:16-17 (KJV)

Call to Offering

Offertory

Sketch in D-flat

Robert Schumann

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

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 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

sung to AURELIA

*Charge and Benediction

Cate Jobe

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Called Congregational Meeting following worship today. The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation immediately following morning and evening worship services. The meeting is to fill a vacancy by electing a new member of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) and to amend the CNC policy.



Visit fpcrichmond.org/give or scan the QR code to make a one-time gift or setup recurring gifts. Thank you for all the ways you give.

This week's usher team includes: Ken Horton, Caley Cantrell, Sherry May, Steve May, Tara Modisett
(If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (ksmmfour@aol.com))

Elders at the doors: Elizabeth Darling, Vicki Warren, and Gary Barranger

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Christi Barranger, health concerns
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Carol Collier, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Dr. Jim Darden, health concerns
- Anne Lintner (*Christa Santos' mother*), health concerns
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Tyler and Frances Harris, Harry and Gail Harris on the death of their brother; Rendall Harris, Lizzie and Joe Oglesby on the death of their uncle, John Harris, on April 19.
- Emily and Kyle Laux on the death of Emily's father; and Edward and Mary Witt Laux on the death of their grandpa, Byrd Newton, on April 28.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.

