

**MOTHER'S DAY / BACCALAUREATE**  
**May 10, 2026**

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**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elizabeth Strickland, Liturgist

Leader: We praise you, Lord! We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

**People: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just.

**People: Your precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: You are to be praised forever.**

**\*HYMN #662** *(see bulletin)*

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

Wesley/Havergal

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's unfailing mercy, let us honestly acknowledge where we have fallen short of His call on our lives, both as individuals and as a community.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

*Merciful and Gracious God, we confess that we are often driven more by our own ambitions and fears than by Your calling on our lives. Forgive us for the times we have relied solely on our own understanding, and for how easily we give in to anxiety, pride, and the desire for the world's approval. We admit that we have sometimes hoarded our knowledge and gifts, rather than using them to serve others. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our confession. Transform our self-reliance into faithful discipleship. Give us the courage to step into our futures with integrity, placing our trust not in our own strength, but in Your guiding wisdom...*

Our prayers continue in silence...

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, the new life has begun. Through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and empowered to live out our God-given purpose.

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

**\*HYMN #378** *(see bulletin)*

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Byrne/Hull/Johnson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“He Leadeth Me”  
(Inspired by Listz’s “Un Sospiro”)

Arr.: Faye Lopez

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-8

ANTHEM

“Walk Along Beside Me”

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SECOND READING:

Matthew 5:13-17

MEDITATION

“Salt and Light”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS**

**CLASS OF 2026**

Frances Bius

Mary Madison Greene

Jack Taunton

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

**\*HYMN #69** (*see bulletin*)

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel L. Schutte

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** May the Spirit of wisdom go before all of us to guide our steps, and the Spirit of courage go with us to face every challenge.

**People:** **May we always have a heart open to learning, hands ready to serve, and a spirit that rests in the peace of knowing we are valued and equipped for the journey ahead.**

**Leader:** Go from this place, blessed in the name of God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer.

**People:** **Alleulia! Amen!**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go With God”

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor and memory of all the mothers, and in honor of our graduates.*

*From Marie’s Flower & Gift Shoppe*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Melody Jenkins

Monday, May 11 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)

Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Wednesday May 13 at 1 p.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 18 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study) – last of school year

Tuesday, May 19 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Sunday, May 24 –PENTECOST —*please wear red*

Sunday, May 24 at 12:15 p.m. CORNERSTONES TRIP to see “Fiddler on the Roof”

Sunday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Alternative Worship Service

## **SPECIAL OFFERING: PRESBYTERIAN HOMES**

In honor of Mother’s Day we will be collecting an offering for Presbyterian Homes. Please write a separate check to FPC with *Presbyterian Homes* in the memo line.

## **HELPING HANDS BOX: SERENITY HOUSE**

Help us this quarter as we collect items to benefit our local refuge for victims of domestic violence. Serenity House needs these items: non-perishable food items, hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, trash bags, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, diapers/wipes, new socks, new women’s underwear.

## **HELP US ORGANIZE A MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

I am planning on starting a Men’s Bible Study. Please email me at [dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com) or text me (478-697-5724) and respond with times and days that work best for you if you are interested. Also, please let me know which of these study books sounds most appealing to you: *Matthew* by Scot McKnight, *The Passionate Intellect* by Alister McGrath and *A Full-Hearted Life* by Jake Owensby. Thank you! — *Austin*

## **COOL OFF COMMUNITY COOKOUT JUNE 6TH 4PM-7PM**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6th, 4 to 7 p.m., for this community-wide, free event for all ages to be held here at First Presbyterian Church! **Beat the Georgia Heat** with us as we enjoy water games and hamburgers & hot dogs. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. It will be an afternoon of fun for the whole family, including a raffle to benefit the local food bank.

## **WATCH SUPPERS ARE ON A BREAK**

... *But be on the lookout for more details about our Dinner at Five, a new gathering schedule we are planning for the summer months.*