

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Arr.: Hal H. Hopson

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Austin Pounds, Liturgist

Leader: Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord,

People: who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.

Leader: You are our God, our lives are in your hands.

People: Let's worship God together!

*HYMN #338 *(see bulletin)*

“How Firm a Foundation”

Caldwell's *Union Harmony*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We all fall short from doing God's justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others. Knowing that, let us pray together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all.

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 #443 *(see bulletin)*

“There Is a Redeemer”

Melody Green

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision"

Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 7:55-60

ANTHEM

"Thy Word Is Like a Garden"

Harlan

SECOND READING:

John 14:1-14

SERMON

"Troubled Hearts"

Rev. Rick Douylliez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*HYMN #8 *(see bulletin)*

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby/Doane

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and in God's son, Jesus Christ,

People: who is the way, the truth and the life, and through whom we come to know the Father.

Leader: And may the blessing of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with you as you leave this place.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in D Minor"

Girolamo Frescobaldi

(* *We stand as we are able*

The rosebud has been placed on the altar to celebrate the birth of Aleena Estelle Figueroa-Fernandez. The parents are Miranda Williams Figueroa and marine Osmiel Figueroa. Great-Great Grandparents are Anne Foster & Jim Soos.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
by Rick and Cathy Douylliez in honor of their grandchildren,
Valerie Rose and Gibson Lee.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****CONGREGATIONAL MEETING****TODAY, SUN., MAY 3 FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
to elect one member at-large for the Nominating Committee***

Sunday, May 3 at 5 p.m. Presbyterian Women Birthday Dinner
Monday, May 4 COX ELEMENTARY TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
Monday, May 4 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)
Wednesday, May 6 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL
Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. LAST WATCH SUPPER
Sunday, May 10 – MOTHER’S DAY & BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
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 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY AT 5 PM TODAY

All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd. Bring your favorite salad. Our speaker will be Liz Ruiz of Project Hope.

2026 GRADUATES CONNECTED TO FPC

FRANCES BIUS
MARY MADISON GREENE
JACK TAUNTON

Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 10.

Please take time to highlight and sign your name in the graduate Bibles in the fellowship hall.

COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY

As most of you know, our church serves Cox Elementary School through our Alice Griner Backpack ministry during the school year. This year the principal has asked if we would like to participate in **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We will be providing breakfast for the teachers and staff tomorrow, May 4th.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Elizabeth Strickland (891-4334). Monetary donations are welcome as well! *(Please make the check out to FPC and put “Cox School Teacher Appreciation” in the memo line).*

WATCH SUPPER

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

MENU, Wednesday, May 6—LAST WATCH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Everyone: Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips

Dessert: Cookies & Ice Cream