

Welcome

Prelude

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Call to Worship

Leader: Where shattered hearts are made whole, wounded souls are healed, and life is stronger than death:

People: the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: Where the lonely become friends, a stranger is welcomed home, and hope is stronger than despair:

People: we find Jesus walking with us.

Leader: Where closed hearts burn within us, the anxious find peace, and love is stronger than hate:

People: Jesus is opening our eyes. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Opening Hymn: *“Thine Is the Glory”* Red Hymnal, # 227

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, how often do we walk the roads of life confused and complaining? How often do we not even notice that you are right beside us, comforting and guiding us? Open our eyes to your presence. Open our hearts to your wisdom. Open our lives to your healing. Open our hands to your service. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silent Reflection

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri *(Glory Be to the Father...)* Red Hymnal, #623

Children’s Time

The Sacrament of Baptism

Tyson Hildreth and Charlie Hildreth (children of Bryan and Amber Hildreth)

Scripture *“Luke 24:13-35”* (page 1642)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir *“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* Arranged by Sandra Eithun

Sermon *“Emmaus”* Rev. Kimby Young

*Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* The Hymnal, inside back cover
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

*Hymn *“He Lives”* Red Hymnal, #220

Bell Choir *“O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus”* Melody by Thomas L. Williams
Arranged by Hart Morris

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Meditation:

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn: *“In the Garden”* Red Hymnal, # 425

*Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are comfortably able will please stand.

*Rev. Kimby Young, Pastor; Tina Fraser, Worship Assistant
Chancel Choir; Dean Faulk, Music Ministries
Robyn Forkner, Pianist; Harlan Plunkett, Organist
Mike McGuire and Brad Cornell, Slide Production; Kim Liu, Sound*

Childcare is always available in the nursery (off the hall to the west of the sanctuary). Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary through the whole service, or to leave at any time. Allison Perry is our primary childcare attendant.

Worship Bags for Children are available outside the north door to the sanctuary. Choose books, crayons, pencils, Legos, stuffed toys and other items to fill your bag to use during worship.

Offering Plates are at the entrance of each aisle for your contributions to the work of the church.

Fair Trade Products for Sale on Sundays Coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, olive oil, dried fruit, baking products, and a few other items are for sale each Sunday at church.

Gardner Multi Service Center collection is ongoing every week and is always in need of any non-perishable food. Bring something every week or once a month.

Remember, Each One, Bring One is collecting food in basket in the narthex for Hope Market.

Harvesters Food Distribution is always seeking volunteers. Every 2nd Saturday at Trade Net Parking lot. Volunteers may sign up for different shifts between 9a.m. and 3 p.m. The days and hours have changed this Spring.

Joy Closet – Our mission center thrift store provides free clothing to a variety of needs. Our church provides all volunteers on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Three weeks of combined services at 10:00 a.m. May 24, May 31 and June 7.

Volunteer Help Wanted - Video Processing of Worship Services - contact pastor Kimby.

Mission Pillar Hygiene Kits Packing Party at Heart to Heart International - Saturday June 27. To contribute, mark your donations "Mission Kits."

YABS – Young Adult Bible Study 18-25 yrs Sundays 3:00 p.m. Join us. Invite a friend.
Youngadulbiblestudy47@gmail.com.

Arbour Season – Free Concert – Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm. Donations will be received.

PW Annual Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 25th, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



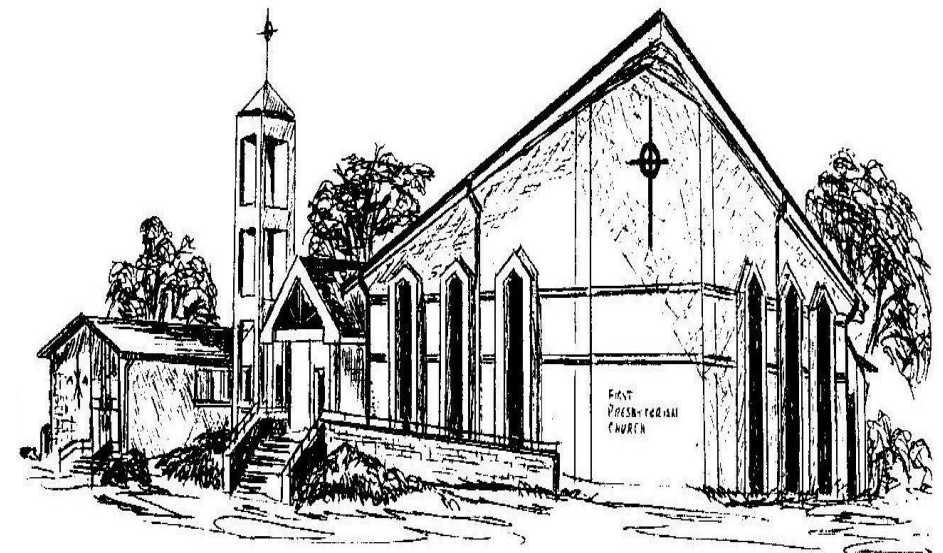
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Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:45 AM



Welcome - Thank you for joining us for worship today. Please fill out a visitor information card found in the pew racks and place those in the offering plate so that we may follow up with you in the future. Your presence with us today has been a blessing to us, we hope that you have felt the presence of God and the welcome of this congregation.