

First Presbyterian Church

Ascension Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY

10:50 A.M.

"We must, therefore, conceive of his ascension and Lordship as something active, energetic and continuous, and must not imagine that he sits above while we hold the reins of government down here. No, he ascended because there he can best do his work and exercise dominion. Had he remained upon earth in visible form, before the people, he could not have done so much and so well, for all the people could not have been with him and heard him. Therefore, he inaugurated an expedient which made it possible for him to be in touch with all and reign in all, to preach to all and be heard by all, and to be with all. Therefore, beware lest you imagine that he has gone, and now is far away from us. The very opposite is true: While he was on earth, he was far away from us; now he is very near."

~ Martin Luther, 1523

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

PLEASE ADJUST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE SERVICE.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 3:16

Minister: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

Congregation: **He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

*Hymn 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

The Ascension of Christ

From the *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q.53-54

Question 53: How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

Answer: Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations; forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

Question 54: How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

Answer: Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.

Psalter

Psalms 110

Tune: ALL SAINTS NEW, #578, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

¹Jehovah to my Lord has said, "Sit thou at my right hand

Until I make thy foes a stool whereon thy feet may stand."

²Jehovah shall from Zion send the scepter of thy power.

In battle with thine enemies be thou the conqueror.

³A willing people in thy day of power shall come to thee.

Thy youth arrayed in holiness like morning dew shall be.

⁴Jehovah swore, and from his oath he never will depart:

"Of th' order of Melchizedek a priest thou ever art."

⁵The Lord at thy right hand shall smite earth's rulers in his wrath.

⁶Among the nations he shall judge; the slain shall fill his path.

In many lands he'll overthrow their kings with ruin dread;

⁷And, marching, he'll drink from the brook and so lift up his head.

Hymn 298 *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

ST. MAGNUS

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory

The Gift of Love

CHOIR

Based on 1 Corinthians 13

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,

And have not love;

My words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,

But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

O come, Spirit, come, let inward love, let love guide ev'ry deed.

By this we worship and are freed.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGN THE BLACK REGISTRATION PAD LOCATED
AT THE END OF THE PEW AND PASS IT TO OTHERS ON YOUR PEW.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

p. 178 in pew Bible

Sermon

Rev. Joe Holland

"Christ Crucified: The Content and Conduit of Preaching"

*Hymn 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

Morning Service broadcast live on WKOZ 1340 AM

and live online at www.breezynews.com.

Notes about the Service

Ascension is one of the five great evangelical feasts of the church year observed by Reformed Churches (the other feasts being Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas). Scripture teaches that on the fortieth day after his resurrection our Lord ascended into heaven where he is now seated at the right hand of the Father, occupying the position of ruler on the Father's behalf (Mt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:20-22; 1 Pet. 3:22). As ascended Lord, he is accessible to all who call on his name and powerful to help them anywhere in the world (Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25; 13:6-8). Christ continues ministering to his people by pouring out the Holy Spirit on them, (Jn. 16:7-14; Acts 2:33) and lavishing on them the blessings and benefits that his suffering won for us.

Tithes and offerings: Our material resources are so stupendous that we are in danger of coming to trust in riches rather than in God. "If a man is growing large in wealth, nothing but constant giving can keep him from growing small in soul." (J. Campbell White)

"Thank God you've come!"

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship services today.

We hope you find yourself drawn closer to Christ today.

Please fill out the black registration pad located

at the end of your pew, so we will have a record of your visit.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

50 Days of Prayer books, *Justice, Mercy & Truth*, by Mike Ross

are here. They are located on the desk in the church office and are \$7.00 each. Please leave a check or money in the envelope provided.

Dear Church Family,

We cannot adequately thank you enough for the luncheon you gave in honor of our children on Sunday. The food and the fellowship were wonderful. We covet your prayers as we begin a new chapter in our lives. We are truly blessed by you, our church family.



Love in Christ,

The Briscoe family

The Miles family

The Paton family

The Templeton family

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

Wednesday Night Connection is designed to connect us with one another in fellowship and reaching and to dig deeply into God's Word through Bible-centered studies for children, youth, and adults.

Summer 2009

6:00 Children's Ministry

Electives (Men's Forum and Women's Bible study will still be the first Wednesday night each month.)

- *Framework of Faith: a study of fundamental Christian teaching that aims to be rigorous and refreshing, systematic and stimulating* (led by Phillip Palmertree)
- *The Truth Project: a DVD-based study challenging you to look at all of life from a biblical perspective.* (for youth, parents, and everyone!)

Evening Worship

6:00 pm

Prelude and Announcements

Mission Report

Rev. Joey Stewart
Reformed Youth Ministries

*Hymn 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*Hymn 290

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

Elder Prayer

Ken Fowler

Scripture Reading

Revelation 11
p. 1034 in pew Bible

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

The Unveiling: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

"Witness Unveiled, part 2"

*Hymn 587

Who Is on the Lord's Side?

ARMAGEDDON

*Benediction

Church Ministries

Budget Information	Revenue	Expense	Totals
April 2009	\$ 36,068.96	\$ 38,281.01	\$ -2,212.05
Year-to-Date	\$140,068.23	\$172,856.79	\$-32,788.56

Sunday Youth Fellowship: The Burge House - pizza

Next Sunday: TBA

Nursery Schedule: Notify Marsha @ 289-2435 of any changes.

Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
May 24	Martha & Jessica Miles	Teresa, Victoria & Alexandria Paton	William & Natalie McKinley
May 31	Bill & Shara Roos	Mechelle Smith, Jeanne Oliver & Chris Potts	Sarah Ellen Parish & Judy Potts
May 27		Melissa Steed & Natalie McKinley	

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper has ended for the summer. It will resume in August.

Reminder! **Children's Ministry Kickoff**
Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00 PM
There will be Relay Games and Popsicles

PrimeTimers' Trip

Where: Mississippi Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS

When: Thursday, May 28th

Time: Leaving church at 9:00 am

We will leave the craft center and go to P.F. Chang's for lunch (dutch treat—a menu is posted on the bulletin board). Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by **Tuesday, May 26** if you would like to attend.

Vacation Bible School

June 8-12

4 years old through 6th grade

Gather the Knights of the Kingdom! Sound the trumpets!

The King is Coming!

If you would like to volunteer to work during VBS, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Christi Sims, 289-7917.

The youth will minister at Atwood Personal Care Home during the Sunday school hour **Sunday, May 31st.**

The church office will be closed
Monday, May 25,
for Memorial Day

To Our Church Family,

The past three years have been sweet years of ministry for us. We consider it an honor to have been a part of your church family and to make such deep friendships. We appreciate the outpouring of love you've shown us since we announced God's call on our family to go to Culpeper. We especially appreciate all of you who attended and helped with the cook-out last Saturday. We are humbled by your expressions of thanks and give all the glory to our Savior Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Joe, Hallie, Joseph, William, David, and Charlie

Committee and Board Meetings

PDS Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm

Preschool Committee: Wednesday, May 27 at 5:15 pm

Session: Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

Ministry Committee: Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

WIC Council: Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10.50 am	Morning Worship
	5:00 pm	Choir
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
MONDAY		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	PDS Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	5:15 pm	Preschool Committee
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Connection
		Youth Activities – The Truth Project
		Children's Ministry Kickoff
	7:00 pm	WIC Council
		Ministry Committee
		Session
THURSDAY	9:00 am	PrimeTimers to MS Craft Center

Sunday evening **Rev. Joey Stewart** will be visiting to report on **Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)**. Most of us know RYM as the conference to which we send junior high and senior high students each summer. That is the backbone of this ministry, but in recent years RYM has expanded in a number of other exciting directions.

RYM exists to reach junior and senior high school students for Christ and equip them to serve Him in the church and in the world. For more than 30 years RYM has provided conferences for youth that are Word-driven, God-centered, and Gospel-focused. God has blessed RYM, growing from our original one conference to now six conferences that are reaching and equipping more than 2000 students and youth leaders in the Southeast, West, and Pacific Northwest.

MAY DUTIES:

Elders: Ken Fowler, Greg LeVert & Don Smith

Deacons: Culley Newman & Richard Briscoe

Preaching at Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church: 4th Sunday

Preaching at Alexander next Sunday:

First Presbyterian Church Kosciusko Staff

Rev. Phillip J. Palmertree, Senior Minister	Rev. Grant Carroll, Asst. Minister
Rev. Joe Holland, Assoc. Minister	Melanie Newman, Pianist
Pat Fiedler, Music Director	Ann Irby, Organist
Marsha Adams, Office Admin.	Catherine Stewart, Housekeeper
Willie Wilson, Custodian	Ruby Sharkey, Kitchen Manager
Richard Moore, Custodian	

FPC Preschool

Deborah Templeton, Administrator

Presbyterian Day School

Greg LeVert, School Administrator

Carol Jean LeVert, Lead Teacher Sonja Adams, Admin. Assistant

Sunday School

Marc Sims, Secretary

Session

Ken Fowler	James Boyd	Greg LeVert
Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts, Jr.	Danny Temple
Joe Holland		Don Smith

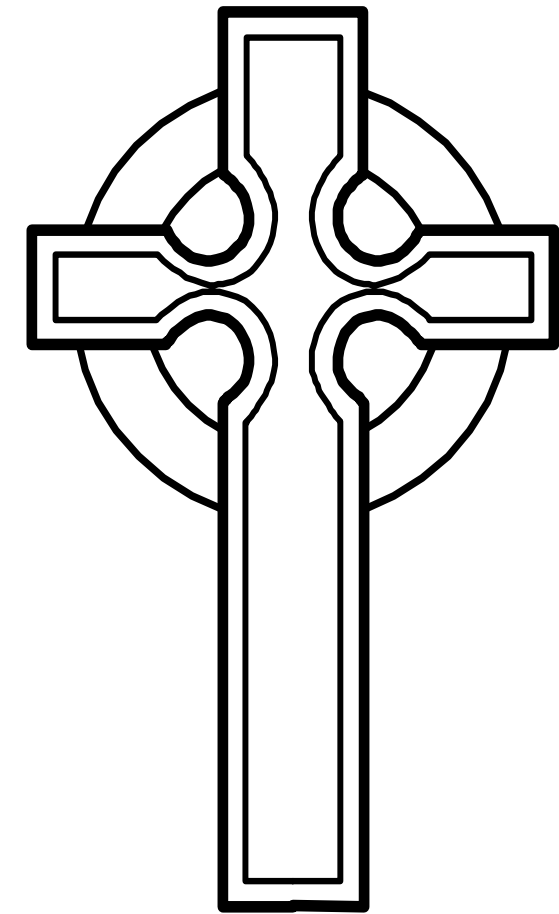
Elders Emeriti:

Adrian D. McBeath Claude Woodward Will Hammond

John Reeves

Diaconate

Dennis Baird	William McKinley	Owen Oliver
Richard Briscoe	Culley Newman	Bill Roos
Michael Holman		Art Templeton



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Sunday Worship Service

May 24, 2009

Vision Statement:

A Gospel-driven church pursuing God, his ways, and people.

WORSHIP
TEACHING
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