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Our Vision

As we boldly proclaim the transformative power of God's word, we will inspire with our past, care for all in our present, and nurture disciples for our future.

The Church at Worship Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 10, 2026

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor
Genie Richards, Youth & Communications Director
Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director
Alex Sims, Director of Music
Ron Nice, Pianist/Organist
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

Jo Hardin
Gale Kinney
Lynda Hunley

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Jerry Ray

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(From *Presbyterian Outlook* – May 10, 2026)

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

All: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

All: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

All: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

One: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

All: God is with us and will never let us go.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Based on Romans 15:13)

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: God fills our hearts with hope, joy, and peace through the Spirit.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

*Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#475

*Opening Prayer

(From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year A*)

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ’s love in the world. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook* – May 10, 2026)

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

#581

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

p.234, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

"Hallelujah"

Leonard Cohen

Time with

Anne Wood

Second Scripture Lesson

John 14:15-21

p.108, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Healing Through Connection"

Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

#661

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Giving

(Thank you for keeping your giving current.)

Offertory

"Meditation"

John Carter

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook* – May 10, 2026)

O Lord our maker, defender, redeemer and friend, accept and multiply the gifts we give today to be for your glory and for the good of your people. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from *The PC(USA) Study Catechism, Questions 54–55*)

One: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

All: Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

One: How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

All: By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2).

Being Sent Out in God’s Name

*Closing Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #65

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude “Postlude in C” Gordon Young

The Ushers today are Gene Gazda and Geri Pettitt.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Ron Nice, Ron Corley, Laurie Porter, Tina, friend of Carleen Clewis, William Dixon, Bruce Robinson, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Sharon Starks, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Joyce Pate, Tim Good’s friend, Sean Byrd.

Chronic Concerns

Nell Kilpatrick’s daughter, Isabel Kilpatrick, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz’s mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko, Martha Gilbert’s mother,

Grieving

Friends & family of Frank Archer on his passing on February 16,2026

Friends & family of Joan Ritsema, Daisy Risser’s mother, on her passing on March 22, 2026.

Please don’t forget to mention the availability of Stephen Ministers to those who are hurting.

To request a Stephen Minister, contact E. Lynn Finlon, elynnfinlon@gmail.com or Lal Rodawla,

lal@ppc1767.org

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!!

The Literary Group is reading “Scoop” by the English author Evelyn Waugh. It is a 1938 comic novel, a satire of sensationalist journalism and foreign correspondents. Waugh’s experience as a 1935 war correspondent led to a humorous and exaggerated novel that playfully yet sharply criticizes the newspaper industry & the journalism profession.

Join us, on ZOOM, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 11:00 am for a lively discussion of the novel.

Contact Adele Daniels for details. adanielscs@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Charlotte Singers present

American Songwriters to celebrate the 250th USA birthday.
Leonard Bernstein, Rodgers & Hammerstein, George Gershwin
Plus, a set of Spirituals.