

## Bearing the Word Into the World

\*Charge and Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

*Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!*

### Announcements

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Lacy and Darlene Sellars in loving memory of Darlene's mother, Jewel Meyer High and Lacy's mother, Kitty Maxwell Sellars.

**Be a Member of First Presbyterian Church!** The church session will be receiving new members on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20, at 11:45 a.m.**, following morning worship, in the Church Parlor, next to the Fellowship Hall. You may join the church by transferring your letter of membership from another congregation, reaffirming of your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, or professing your faith in public worship, followed by baptism. If you have questions about the process, please call Rev. Sellars at 501.282.0209, or e-mail him at [revlacy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revlacy@sbcglobal.net). We love our visitors!

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** First Presbyterian, Hot Springs; Ministries to Hispanic Persons in Arkansas.

**OLDER YOUTH WILL BE GOING TO EUREKA SPRINGS JUNE 28-30**, to see **The Passion Play!** If you are interested in going, please sign up at the Youth Bulletin Board. Be sure and include your phone number. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP.**

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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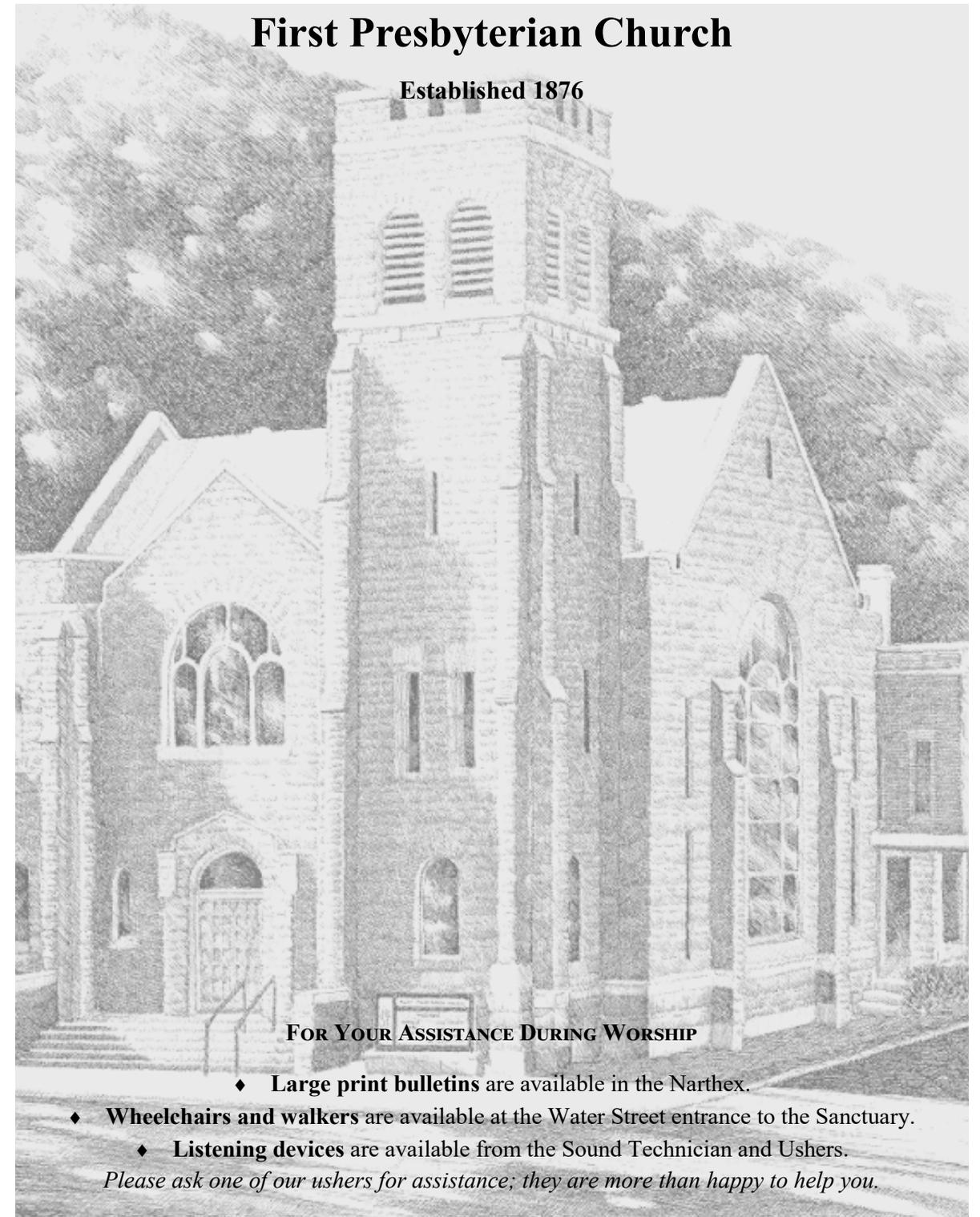
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# First Presbyterian Church

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#### FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING WORSHIP

- ◆ Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- ◆ Wheelchairs and walkers are available at the Water Street entrance to the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Listening devices are available from the Sound Technician and Ushers.

*Please ask one of our ushers for assistance; they are more than happy to help you.*

**Order of Worship**  
**May 13, 2018**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Ian Poole

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Minute for Mission .....Pentecost Offering, May 20 .....Carol Mattson

Prelude

Introit ..... *"Worship God With Music"* .....Natalie Sleeth

Call to Worship..... reflects Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

**People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**People: For the shields of the earth belong to God; our God is highly exalted.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 473 ..... *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* ..... DIX

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have submitted to the ways of the world and failed to glorify him in our daily lives. Forgive us, Holy God, and raise us from sin that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

\*Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 574

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 579

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

The Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading ..... Luke 24: 44-53 .....pg. 91, NT

Anthem..... *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* ..... John Rutter

*"For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise."*

Second Scripture Reading..... Acts 1: 1-11 .....pg. 118, NT

Sermon ..... *"In the End is Our Beginning"*..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn No. 155..... *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* ..... DARWALL'S 148TH

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)..... The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors.....Christopher Meyers, Thea Rice

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional) ..... Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication