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All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

**Please stand as you are able*

April 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship.
Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those
who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.*

PRELUDE	"Largo" from Xerxes (Agnes Guiliani, violin)	G.F. Handel
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INTROIT	"O Sons and Daughters"	Jean Tisserand
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia.*

*That night the apostles met in fear: Amidst them came their Lord most dear.
And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia.*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord.
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia.*

*"My wounded side, O Thomas, see: Behold my hands, my feet," said He.
"Not faithless, but believing He." Alleluia.*

*No longer Thomas then denied: He saw the feet, the hands, the side:
"You are my Lord and God!" He cried. Alleluia.*

GREETING (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Psalm 118, adapted from *The Message*

Blessed are you who enter in God's name,

God is God, God has bathed us in light.

You're my God, and I thank You,

Oh my God, I lift high Your praise.

Thank God- God is so good.

God's love never quits!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

(words and music on next page)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy, we confess our ways of thinking and acting perpetuate divisions. As communities and as individuals, we build dividers around us: mental, spiritual, physical, and political that result in treating others with less respect than they deserve. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to amend our ways to love You with our whole self, and our neighbors, as ourselves.

A brief silence for individual confession is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

2 Cor. 5:17

Beloved, hear the good news:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

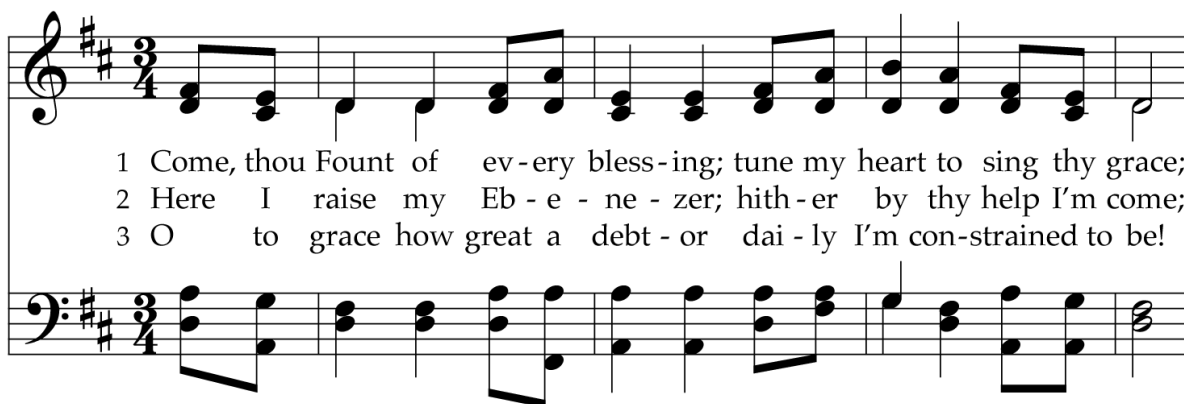
The old life has gone;

A new life has begun.

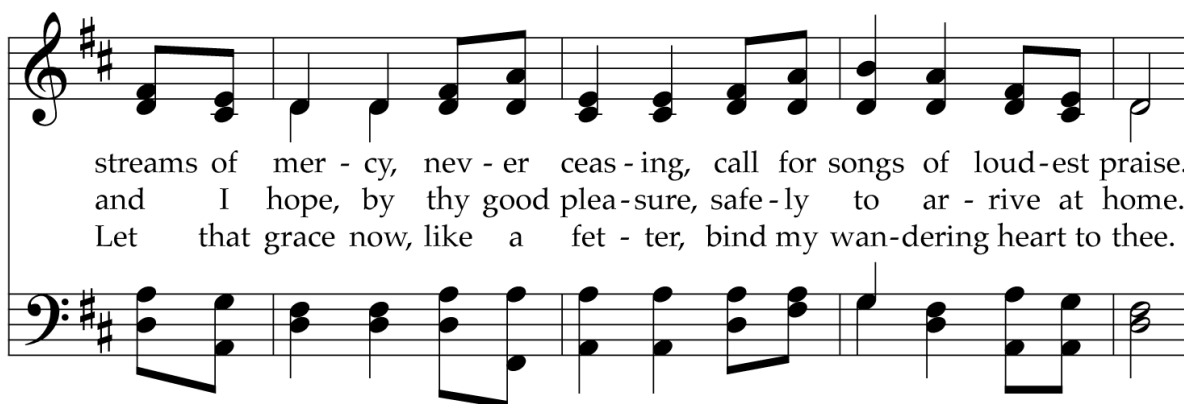
Know that you and I are forgiven in Jesus Christ and be at peace.

Amen.

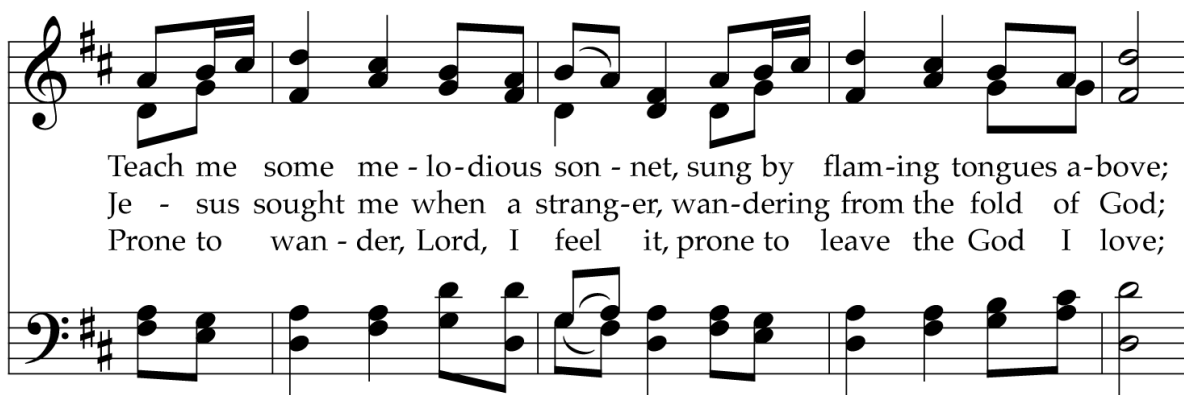
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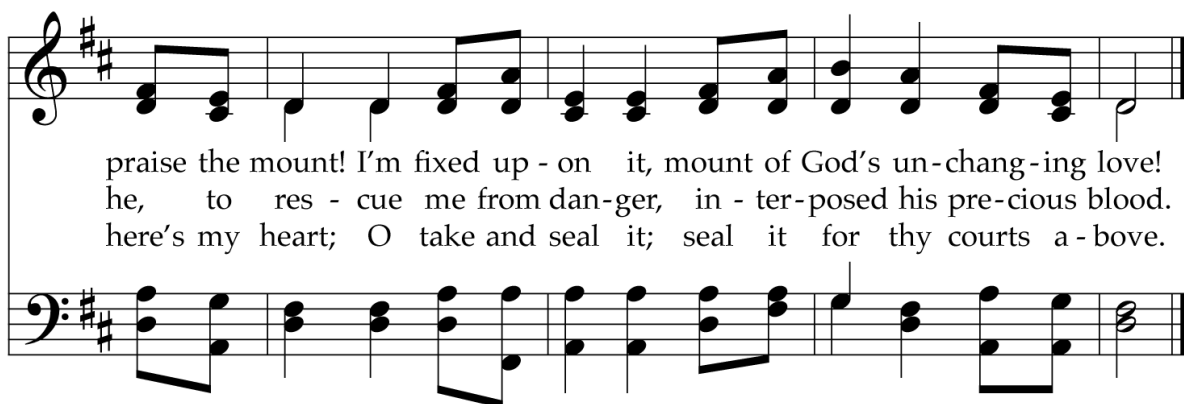
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

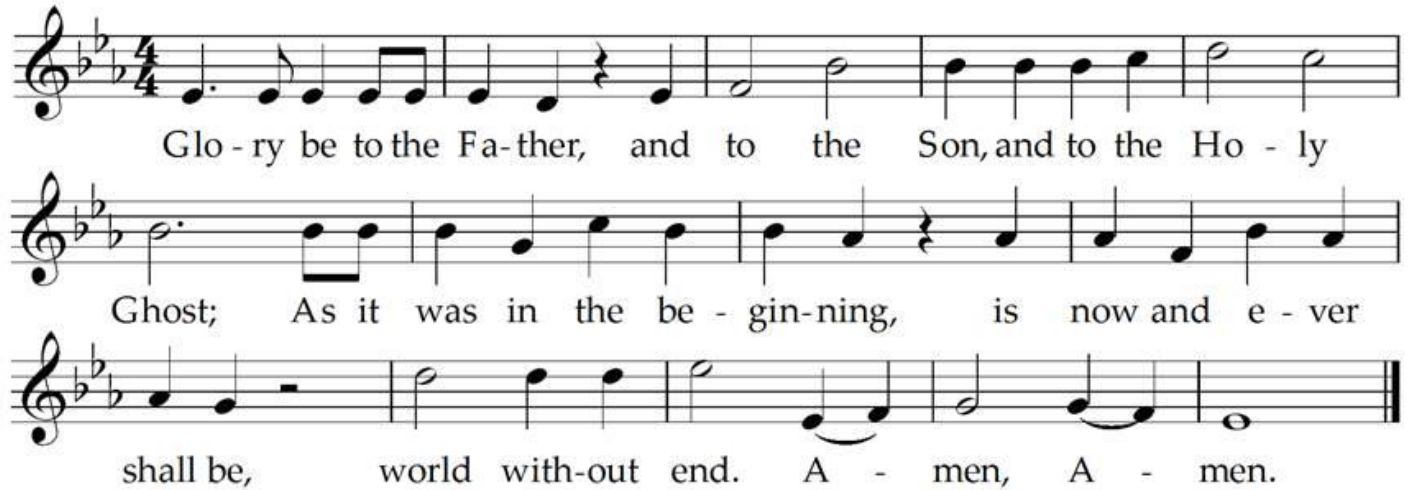


Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Earth Day

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

N.T. pg. 107

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

N.T. pg. 101

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

"Have a Faith Like Thomas"

Rev. Rachael McNeal

Silent meditation on sermon

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

Lindy Gay and Elli LeMaire will receive the sacrament of baptism.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

11:00 Confirmands: Elli LeMaire, Lindy Gay, Mabel Misterly, Julia McKenna, Hallie Johnson, Judah Salmond

8:30 Confirmands: Eli Forbes, Hobbs Breidenstein, Quinn Meyer, Carys Howell, Sophia Budd

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANNOINTING

WELCOME OF CONFIRMANDS AS FULL MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

(*responsive*)

These young women and men have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. What are your words of welcome?

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*THE PEACE (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*

Four ways to give: Please drop a check/cash in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, text STAMP to 73256, or use the QR code printed here to connect to the Church's secure online giving platform to make your gift via credit card.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM “With Songs of Rejoicing” J. S. Bach/arr. Hal Hopson

*With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord,
For He has done marvelous things: Break forth into joy.*

*His praises, the lyre and the trumpet employ.
The stones clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.*

*Come make a joyful noise, sing to the Lord,
Alleluia.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of resurrection, we praise You for being with us through the ups and downs of life. Thank You for Your grace, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and rises again. Thank You for inspiring wonder and curiosity in us and offering us new life. We offer You these gifts to be used for Your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 157

*"I Danced in the Morning"
(words and music on next two pages)*

LORD OF THE DANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

Jester Hairston

*POSTLUDE

"Marche Pontificale"

Charles Gounod

**Please stand as you are able*

*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags
in the pews at the conclusion of the service*

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

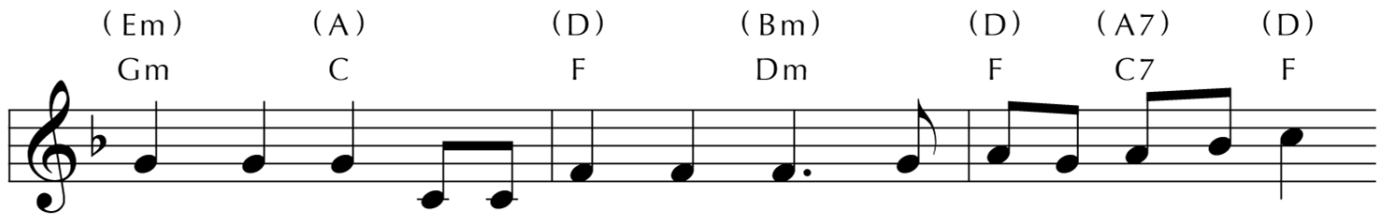
Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm



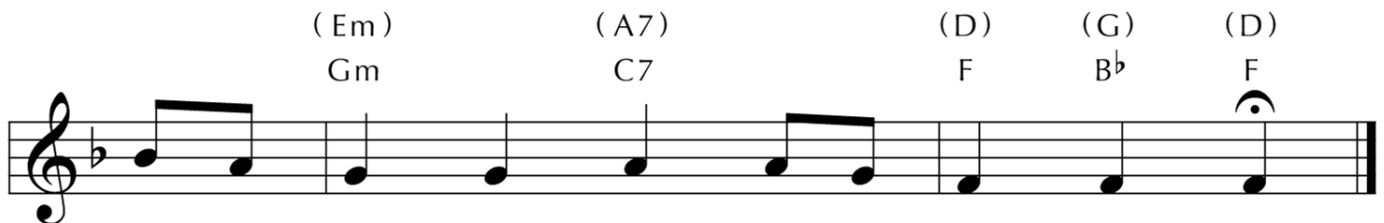
Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F B \flat F



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Minute for Mission, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Confirmation and Baptism, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Bross, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry: Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Gospel Lesson, Confirmation, Affirmation of Faith, Baptism, The Peace, Prayers of People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Moment: Bill Baker

Lector: Jim Bullock

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 27, 2025

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Love is Patient and Kind"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K – 1st: Room 224 with Judy Robb and Keith Pyles
- 2nd – 4th: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch

Youth Sunday School:

- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Thomas"
- 7th/8th: Youth Loft, "What Do I Believe Now?"
- 9th - 12th: Confirmation Celebration – Join us in Fellowship Hall

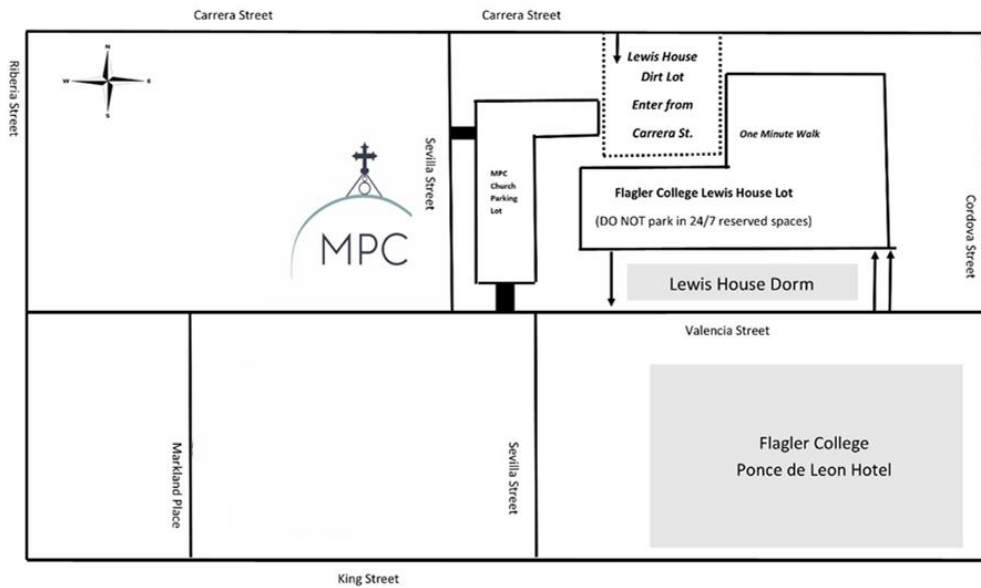
Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: Confirmation Celebration – join in Lewis Hall for coffee and fellowship
- Spiritual Formation: "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts", Lewis Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Three Pillars of Matthew 25", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at marccraddock@mac.com. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRlVW5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings.

At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 4-27-25

As we take our vision statement seriously, practicing Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality, let's remember to be welcoming to parents with children, being grateful for young ones in our church.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, April 27 – May 3: Cooper Bloom, Justin Breidenstein, Sam Brown, Vivian Browning, Chase Clark, Dr. Lew Gravely, Lynn Healey, Hiram Manville, Quinn Meyer, Carol Nimitz, A.J. Parsons, Julianna Sallas, Annabelle Sawyer, David Stauffer, Barbara Strauss, Mary Ann Van Hartogh, Elizabeth Wertz, Susan West, Anne White

Confirmation: We are so excited to congratulate our confirmands on their confirmation day today! Confirmands will be confirmed at both services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.). We encourage you to attend worship as our young people confirm their baptismal covenant and make a choice to follow Jesus and join His church. We will also be celebrating two youth baptisms! You are also welcome to stop by Lewis Hall from 9:30 - 10:30 to congratulate our confirmands. Their names are: Elli LeMaire, Julia McKenna, Lindy Gay, Eli Forbes, Hobbs Breidenstein, Quinn Meyer, Judah Salmond, Carys Howell, Sophia Budd, Mabel Misterly, Hallie Johnson.

Pop-Up Class: Please join us today at our pop-up class, "The Amazing Life of Dr. Andrew Anderson." Class takes place at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and will be live-streamed. Dr. Tom Graham will be leading the class on the Anderson Family. He wrote a book called "The Awakening of St. Augustine" that covers the history of the family from the first Dr. Andrew Anderson to the second Dr. Andrew Anderson who helped Flagler develop his hotels in St. Augustine.

Food Bank Collection: Next week, the first Sunday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Lewis Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. Be part of the solution! Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Buzz Brookman: On April 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., Buzz Brookman, Instructor of History, Language, and Biblical Studies at Flagler College will have a presentation on “Philosophy and Religion in 1st Century Judea”. Come join us in the Virginia room (2nd floor of the Ringhaver Student Center).

MPC Children's Choir Spring Concert: Please come to support our kids this Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall. Not only will the choir participants sing, but some will also play instruments and briefly share about their own faith journeys. It will fill your heart with joy.

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: This is the last FEAST until September. Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children’s Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It’s a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

- Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **“Cheese Stuffed Shells with Sausage and Peppers”** Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child. Children’s Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- Grab ‘N Go Meals: If you would like a Grab ‘N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Lewis Hall.
- Program at 6:00 p.m.: **“Children’s Spring Concert”**, Lewis Hall

Dine with Nine: A rotational dinner program... Let’s share a meal, meet new people and grow in God’s love. Dine with Nine is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people--some couples, some singles, some new to the church, some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in **May** and ending in **August**. Why not step out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. Contact Judy A. Thomas, judyaathomas@gmail.com, (770) 906-7619 for more details or you can sign up here <https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineMaythroughAugust2025>. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on April 30, 2025. We hope you will join us! Please note, you will need to re-register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.

Thank You: Thanks to everyone who brought filled eggs—the kids had an amazing time at the Easter Egg Hunt, our church family had the joy of watching the fun, and it wouldn’t have been possible without you!

PW Salad & Sandwich Potluck Gathering: On May 16th 11:30 - 1:00 is a PW Salad & Sandwich Potluck Gathering in Fellowship Hall.

- There is No Charge.
- No Reservations Needed
- Bring Sandwiches or Salad/Side dish to share with 8 - 10.

We will gather to eat followed by a brief PW Birthday Offering program. *The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering helps fund projects that improve lives at home and around the world.* Following this, we will hear Tracy Upchurch speak on his new book "The Road to Picolata". All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga: Please join us Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Gentle Yoga. Please bring a mat, sunscreen, and water. Weather permitting.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministers visit their care receivers regularly and dependably. They are committed to preserving the confidential nature of the caring relationship. They receive 50 hours of training in providing Christian care. For more information on receiving care please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders: Kelly Fox - kellymfox90@gmail.com; Mike Nimitz - mikenimitz-mpc@outlook.com; Amy Camp - amycamp@memorialpcusa.org

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; *The Haven at Regency Point, Rainbow City, AL:* Eileen Coleman;
Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 4-27-25	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 – 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Service with Children’s Choir Sunday School (Dr. Proctor’s Class starts at 9:40) Pop-Up Class “The Amazing Life of Dr. Andrew Anderson” – Sanctuary (also Live-Streamed) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed) Sanctuary Open for Tours Seekers Group Study - Zoom
Mon. 4-28-25	3:30 – 8:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm	Sacred Music Academy – Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room Church Officers Meet with Session – LH Session Supper – LH Upper Landing Session Meeting – LH Parlor
Tues. 4-29-25	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205 SACC Rehearsal – LH
Wed. 4-30-25	10:00 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga - Courtyard Children’s Choir Rehearsal - LH Ukirk – LH Parlor FEAST Dinner (LH) Children’s Choir Spring Concert - LH Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 5-1-25	8:30 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Sew and Sow – LH Upper Landing GriefShare – LH Parlor Outreach Leadership – Office Parlor St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble - LH
Fri. 5-2-25	10:00 am 11:00 - 3:30 11:00 am	SMAART Men’s Group – LH Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours Barbara Michael Committal & Reception – Columbarium and LH
Sat. 5-3-25	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



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Celebrate Earth Care With MPC

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

This year PCUSA is celebrating 15 years of certified churches celebrating environmental ministry across these four major areas of a congregation's life:



- Worship
- Education
- Facilities
- Outreach in the community

Memorial Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation on Dec. 11, 2022.

To become certified as an Earth Care Congregation, MPC began education projects for the youth, planting native plants on its grounds, having energy audits, emailing newsletters, serving food using reusable plates/silverware and cups with water served in pitchers, serving plant-based meals, using organic, less-toxic cleaners; holding Outreach-church sponsored clean-up days, donating used materials in social justice projects, encouraging recycling/reusing materials rather than buying new, encouraging carpooling/van transportation and it installed double-pane glass windows.

Think about what you can do to continue our mission.

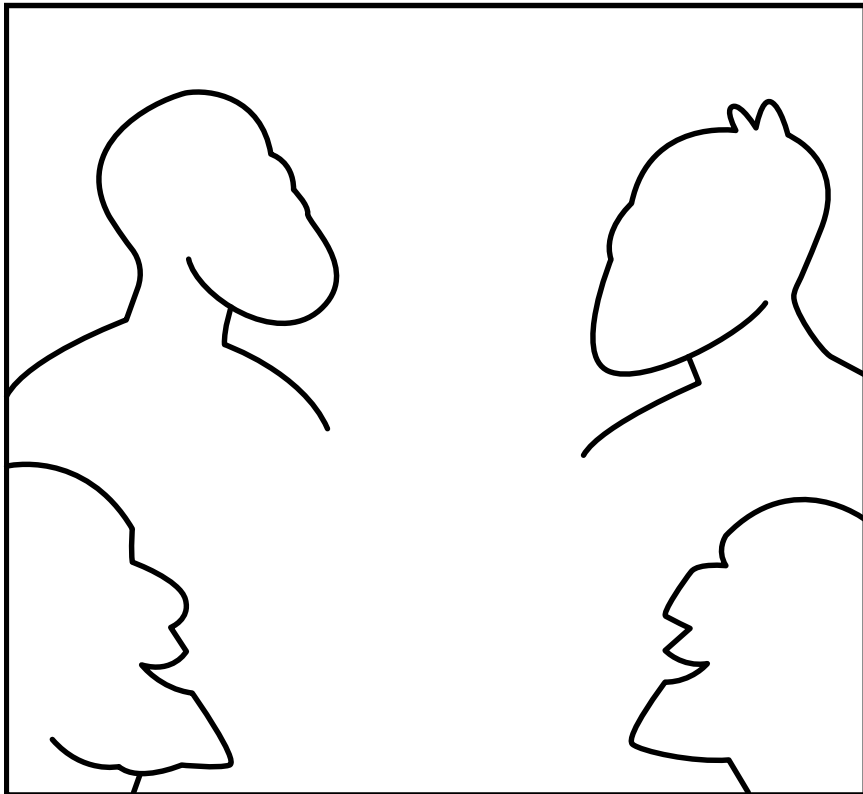
You also can celebrate Earth Day, which was Wednesday, April 22, by walking, hiking, bike-riding and carpooling. Plant native trees and flowers. Intentionally reuse/recycle items. Eat plant-based meals and organics. Intentionally recycle/reuse items. Brainstorm with family and friends about ways you can make an impact in caring for God's Earth.

On Sunday, April 27 Earth Care will be the topic of the Minute for Missions, delivered by the Rev. Rachael McNeal.

MPC is one of 361 congregations in 41 states that chose to dedicate ourselves to the intentional care of God's earth. Please help us continue this journey by volunteering on the Earth Care focus group of the Peacemaking Committee. We welcome your time and your talents. Please call/text Barbara Alford 850-339-7150 or email babs50@gmail.com for more information.

FINISH the DRAWING

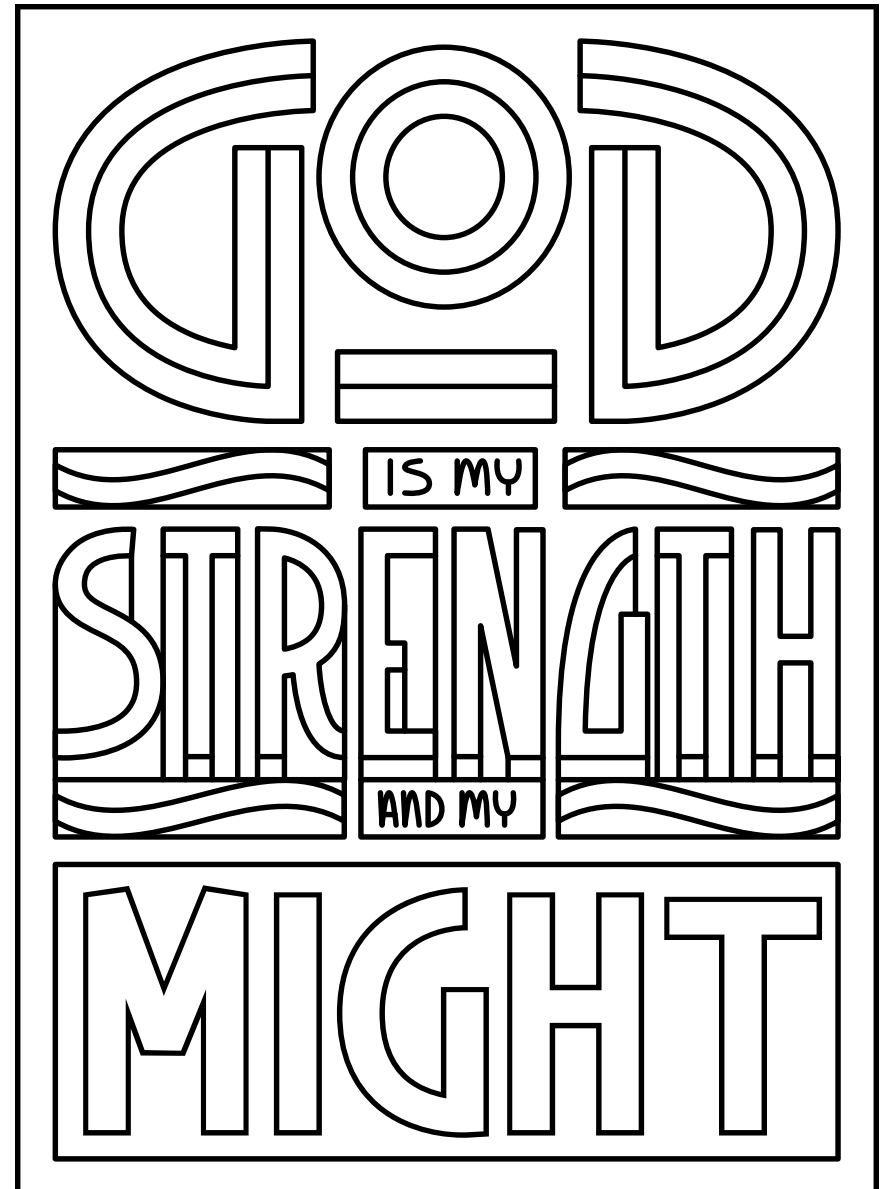
In Acts 5, Peter and the apostles bravely share their faith in Jesus in front of a group of city leaders who didn't agree with them. Finish the drawing of Peter and his friends, drawing yourself among them. What would you say if you were going to talk about your trust in Jesus?



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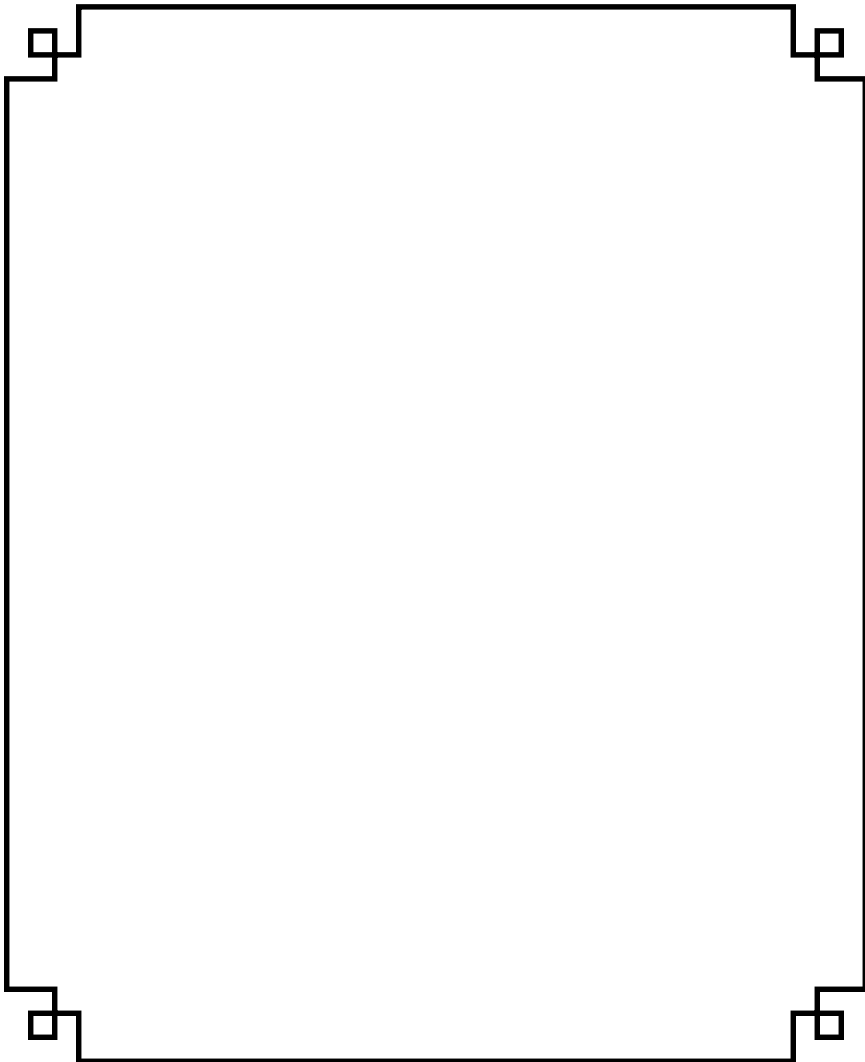
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29, John 20:19-31.



DRAW IT

In John 20, Jesus' friend, Thomas, was so shocked Jesus was alive again that he asked for some proof. He wanted to touch Jesus and make sure it was really him. Maybe you would want to do the same thing! Draw a picture of what you would do seeing Jesus for the first time after his resurrection.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

Help Thomas find his way to join the other disciples and Jesus!

