

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
11:00 AM

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janet Chisom

Please fill out the black fellowship register, including your email address, and pass it down the pew, greeting those who are seated near you today.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Todd Leeson

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

May we share God's love and life and may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the risen Christ.

Let us praise and worship the Lord!

*Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Prayer of Confession

In these moments, O God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, Merciful God, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, and to ourselves. Convict us in our sinfulness, and convince us of faithfulness, that we may be true disciples of Christ and the way of love each day... *(A moment for silent confession.)*

Assurance of Forgiveness (1 John 3:21-22)

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us, and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us—the way to grace, to hope, to new life.

Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*Hymn 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me!"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end.

Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen!

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem

"Lauda anima"

Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul the king of heaven; to his feet they tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise the everlasting king! Father-like he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us

from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows. Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face; saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace, praise us the God of grace. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

NT, p. 127

Sermon

"A Eunuch Experience"

Rev. Janet Chisom

*Hymn 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, section 4*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept

ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all

believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who

inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through

Scripture, engages us through the word proclaimed, claims us in the waters

of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and

calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and

fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness

among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in

Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to

work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Hymn 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!" *Verses 1 & 4*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Verse 1: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the king of creation.

Verse 4: Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*Hymn 767

"Together We Serve"

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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WORSHIP

If you would like to give **flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up on the calendar in the Church Office. There are several dates available for the rest of the year.

Nursery care is available in Room 103 for infants and young children during worship.

Printed copies of sermons are available in the back of the sanctuary.

If you are an ordained Elder in the PC(USA) and would be interested in serving **homebound communion** to SPC members a few times a year, please speak with Marge Sielinski.

GROW

Sunday School classes are welcoming to all! Join us Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30.

• **Children** (preschool and elementary) will have active lessons based on a different Bible story each week.

• **Youth** will explore the relationships between the scriptures and what they are saying for us today.

• **Adults:**

Disciple—"Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind" will help students to understand the scriptures more deeply and live out God's Word in their lives.

Kingdom Living—"Church History—Those Who Shaped the Christian Faith," part of the "Being Reformed" series will explore the history of the church through a view of major figures and theological beliefs.

Journey On—"Sermon on the Mount" by Amy-Jill Levine will explore historical and theological contexts and major topics in these important words of Jesus.

Please join us for **Fellowship Time** on Sundays in Gresham Hall at 10:30 AM, where we'll gather for conversation and light refreshments between Sunday School and Worship each week.

Church member and architect James Ruhland is leading a series called **Faithful Manifestations: Craft and Sacred Spaces** on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. These talks will explore the design and significance of sacred spaces and buildings.

Calvin and Hops is today at 5:00 PM (please note the time change) at Olde Salem Brewery. We'll enjoy fellowship while discussing theology.

Join us after worship on May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) for our "**Taste and See**" event. We will celebrate Mexican culture and heritage as we *taste* from a taco bar and then *see* representations of all the many ministries, programs, missions, activities, and responsibilities of our church. All are welcome!

Hope over Hate is a community conversation at the Grandin Theatre on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 PM. The program features a discussion between a man affiliated with the Sikh religion whose father was killed by a white supremacist, and a man who helped found that very same white supremacist organization. Their story is one of understanding, hope, and friendship.

The **PAL Field Trip** will be Tuesday, May 21. We will have a Craig County excursion that includes a farm visit, lunch at a church, a program about the Craig County Barn Quilt Trail, and time to explore. We will carpool from SPC leaving at 10:15. A count of participants is needed. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Jan Minton (janminton@gmail.com or 540-467-3110).

If you or a member of your family will be **graduating this year**, please let the Church Office know. We'll celebrate our graduates during worship on Sunday, May 26.

SERVE

The **Piecemakers Quilting and Sewing group** is requesting donations of neckties for a special project. Ties can be your own or from someone important in your life. Please bring them to the box near the office, fill out an information card, and place them in a bag in the donation box.

We are assembling a great team for our **summer mission trip** to Hazard, KY July 28-August 3. We will be working on homes damaged by summer flooding. If you would like more information or to join us, speak with Janet or go to salempres.org/serve.

Family Promise is looking for **donations of gift baskets** for auction at their upcoming Carnival Fundraiser. If you would like to contribute a themed gift basket, please assemble one and drop it off at the new Family Promise center by June 1. You may also contribute to a basket that the Joy Circle is assembling by bringing your donation of money or gardening supplies to the Church Office.

Our next **Giving Garden work day** will be Sunday, May 5, directly following the "Taste and See" event. You don't need gardening knowledge to help, just come ready to work. You may bring your own tools and gloves if you'd like.

The local **Meals on Wheels** program is looking for more volunteers to drive routes in Salem. You can set your own schedule according to your availability. If you have questions, speak to Kevin and Debbie Hayes who regularly deliver meals. To sign up to be a driver, contact Vickie at the LOA at 540-387-3325.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday – April 28	Sunday School Worship in person and livestreamed Salem Choral Society Concert Calvin and Hops at Olde Salem Brewing Youth Group
Monday – April 29	Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
Tuesday – April 30	Staff Meeting Story Time
Wednesday – May 1	Piecemakers Women's Bible Study Faithful Manifestations Class Choir
Thursday – May 2	Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
Sunday – May 5	Sunday School Worship in person and livestreamed Cinco De Mayo Taste and See Giving Garden Work Day

SESSION 2024

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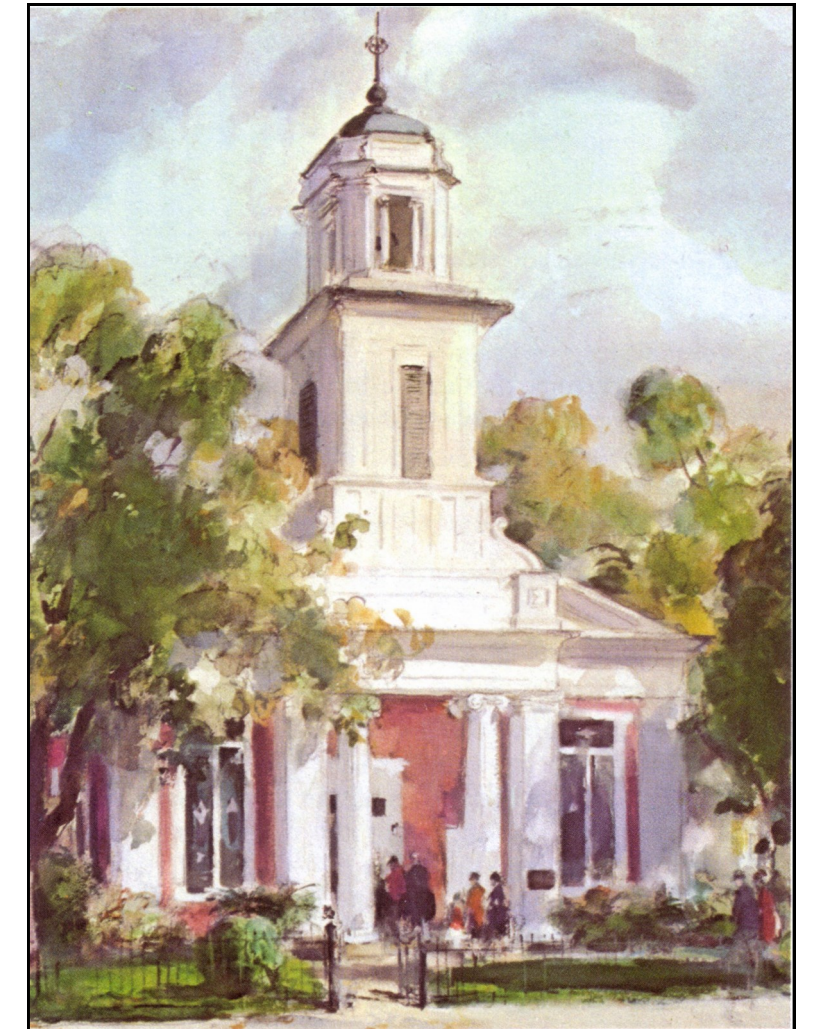
Save the Dates!

May 5	Cinco de Mayo—Taste and See Event
May 9	"Hope Over Hate" discussion at The Grandin Theatre
May 26	Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 10-14	High School Mini Missions
June 22	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Work Day
June 24-28	Middle School Mini Missions
July 7-13	Montreat High School Youth Conference
July 21-24	Vacation Bible School for all ages
July 28-August 3	Summer Mission Trip to Hazard, KY
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM	Story Time for young Children
First Tuesdays and Third Thursdays	Presbyterian Women Circles
Second Wednesdays at 5:30 PM	IGNite Intergenerational Nights
Third Tuesdays at 11:30 AM	PAL (Presbyterians at Lunch)
Fourth Sundays at 4:00 PM	Calvin and Hops Theology at Olde Salem

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Walter Biggs

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Our Mission, inspired by God through the Holy Spirit, is to be a visible sign of God's love for all people by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, so that all people may know Him as Lord and Savior.

WORSHIP. GROW. SERVE.