

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, May 29, 2022, 10:00am, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

GATHERING MUSIC

"Prayer"

Halley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete Rosenkrands

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Many: **Glorify God, all you peoples!**
One: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,
Many: **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**
All: **Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 years old-5th grade will proceed to their classrooms

UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

All encompassing God, the creativity of creation inspires awe in everyone. Every flower, breeze, breath, and human show how much you love us. It is an honor to be a community committed to the inclusion of all image bearers. You are the source from which we continue to learn and grow. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

†OUR RESPONSE 248 vs. 3

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 117. *Fun Bible Fact: this is the shortest Psalm.*

Hymntune: DARWALL'S 148TH

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Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

All: Creative God, we see how you renew the earth through spring
and warm the air to prepare for summer.
Renew our ears to hear you calling today
and ready our hearts for the days ahead. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 9 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

ANTHEM

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Vocalist, Beth Lackey

Trenney

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 127 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

SERMON

“Marks of the Church: Including” Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

Materials with additional activities to support faith at home are sent in an email each Sunday morning. Contact Cindy Merten or Dawn Swarthout if you would like to receive this information.

Responding to God

MEDITATION

“A Quiet Place”
Vocalist, Beth Lackey

Carmichael

Sealing the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” Karg-Elert

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our liturgist this morning is Pete Rosenkrands. Pete joined the church in the 1970s and is an Elder. He has been involved in several ministries over the years such as youth ministry, finance and he served on an APNC. He left the area in 1991 and then returned and rejoined the church in 2018.

The flowers are given by Jim and Diane Goss in loving memory of Jim’s brother, Corporal William H. Goss, Jr., who gave his life for our country in the Korean War.

The white rose on the baptismal font is in honor of the birth of Max Russell Brinda, son of Laura and Nick Brinda and brother of Nolan, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in North Sydney, Australia. The proud grandparents are Barbara and Tom Russell.

Hymntune: AR HYDY NOS

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day’s worship.

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305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.