



# Worship for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Commemorating the Ascension of the Lord

**May 17, 2026**      *\*Those who are able, please stand.*      **10:00 A.M. Worship**

**WELCOME!** First Presbyterian Church of Warren is a community of faith and service, eager to follow the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to have you among today's worshippers. May we all become a blessing to each other, as we bask in God's presence.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*O King of glory and Lord of hosts,  
Who ascended triumphantly above the heavens,  
do not abandon us, but send us the promised one,  
the Spirit of truth.  
Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**      "Servant Medley"      Hayes

**EASTER PROCLAMATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**      based upon John 17

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Jesus prayed: As you have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

**All: Jesus prayed: I pray that they may be one, as we are one, so that the world may know that You have sent me.**

Leader: Jesus the Messiah arose from the tomb and lives forever. Jesus the Lord rose from the earth and always rules from heaven.

**All: To the One seated on the throne and the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

**\*HYMN**      "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"      No. 263



**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 1: 1-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“O Give Thanks”

Martin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

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**SUNDAY MESSAGE** “Christ Is Risen Indeed! ....AGAIN!!”

Greg Gillispie

**GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*WE PROFESS OUR FAITH**

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

**In life and in death, we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the Holy One of Israel, the only One we worship and serve.**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving His life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**Glory and honor and praise be to Almighty God! Amen!**

**\*HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 353

**JOYS AND CONCERNS: PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Hymnal, page 35

## INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Please note your presence and provide contact information in the  
“Ritual of Friendship” booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

## WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** “Here I Am, Lord” Schultz

**\*DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

**\*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS** *song lyrics by Getty/Townsend* (CCLI #505530584)

**Hear the call of the Kingdom, to reach out to the lost,  
with the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come;  
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

**King of Heaven, we will answer the call;  
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

**\*SENDING SONG** “Christ Is Alive!” No. 246  
*Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5*

## \*THE BLESSING AND THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

**BENEDICTION** “Amen”

**\*POSTLUDE** “I'll Fly Away” Brumley

*Please offer a word of blessing to several other worshippers, if you are comfortable doing so.*

*There will be a special reception right after worship in Fellowship Hall, just across from the front doors of this worship space. Marissa Welke and Josh Robbins invite you to enjoy wedding cake and punch, as we congratulate them on their marriage.*

**THE ROSEBUD** on the chancel this morning announces the birth of a daughter, **Sophia Juliana, to Bill and Ali Chuirazzi**. The proud grandparents are **Chris and Mary Chuirazzi**.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is funded today by **Chris and Mary Chuirazzi**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

**FPC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** announces that applications for 2026 scholarship awards are now being accepted. Applicants must be FPC members that are completing or have completed one year of post high school education or vocational training. Program rules and applications are available in the Church Office. Application deadline is **Sunday, July 5** with awards later that month.

**SPIRE DEADLINE:** The deadline for the June Spire is **Wednesday, May 20**. Please send your articles and pictures to Kathie at [kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org](mailto:kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org). Thank you.

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTION:** As we come to the end of the school year, we will honor the dozens and dozens of FPC members who have volunteered to carry out the broad range of diverse ministries that happen in our midst. **May 24** will be the last Sunday of the season for our Choir, and their devoted work is certainly appreciated. The after-worship reception will also offer appreciation for everyone who has empowered our Christ-centered mission throughout this program year: people on committees and teams, those who work in the kitchen and dining hall and the lawn, those who help with everything from newsletter prep to teen activities to handbell ringing to Sunday morning hospitality and money counting.

Across all the other tasks and projects we carry out, it’s not at all an understatement: **“We couldn’t do all this without you!”**

**CULTIVATING GENEROSITY:** The Apostle Paul lists generosity among the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). So how can congregations cultivate this fruit and invite people to participate in God's work in the world? On **Saturday, May 30**, the Rev. Barry Chance will talk about recent trends in giving, what motivates different generations to give, and the best practices to invite the congregation and community to support the mission and ministry of the congregation. The workshop will be from **2 – 5 pm** at First Presbyterian Church in Warren and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

**RIVER ROCK AT THE AMP CONCERTS** will begin on **Saturday, May 30**. Volunteers are needed to collect \$5 from cars who park in our lot. The signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall. At least two people are needed each shift.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Sun, May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> ..... <b>8:30 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Worship</b>..... <b>10:00 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Sunday School, B</b>..... <b>10:15 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Marissa and Josh Robbins Reception, FH</b>..... <b>11:15 am</b></li> </ul>
Mon, May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OA, P ..... 10:00 am</li> <li>- <b>Deacons' Meeting, FH</b> ..... <b>4:00 pm</b></li> <li>- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm</li> <li>- AA, MC ..... 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
Tues, May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Al-Anon, MC ..... 9:30 am</li> <li>- <b>Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH</b>..... <b>10:30 am</b></li> <li>- Girl Scouts, FH ..... 5:00 pm</li> <li>- <b>Finance Meeting, P</b>..... <b>5:00 pm</b></li> <li>- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm</li> <li>- NA, MC ..... 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
Wed, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b></li> <li>- Crossroads Bereavement Grp., P ..... 1:00 pm</li> <li>- Relay for Life, FH..... 5:30 pm</li> <li>- AA, MC ..... 6:30 pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dessert and Dialogue, P</b>..... <b>12:00 pm</b></li> <li>- <b>Worship Meeting</b>..... <b>7:00 pm</b></li> </ul>
Fri, May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Church Office Closed</b></li> </ul>
Sat, May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AA, MC ..... 11:00 am</li> </ul>
Sun, May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Day of Pentecost</b></li> <li>- <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> ..... <b>8:30 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Worship</b>..... <b>10:00 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Sunday School, B</b>..... <b>10:15 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Volunteer Reception, FH</b>..... <b>11:15 am</b></li> </ul>