

Announcements

Sat, May 2
Wed. May 6th
Thurs. May 7th
Sat. May 23rd

Spring Clean up
Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch
Basement to Attic Sale

\$645 was raised for Presbyterian Sharing last week with our Baked Potato Bar. Thank you so much for your support!!

The **Watoto Children's Choir** will be holding a concert at **Centre 150 on Thurs, April 30th at 6:30**. The children will sing, dance and share their stories of restoration and hope. A free will offering will be taken. They are still looking for a couple host families for the night. If you're interested, please talk to Cheri in the office.

Hello, everyone. March 31st has brought us to the end of our first quarter. This period always includes larger, winter-related expenses. Our heat is now fairly evenly split between our 3 heat pumps (electric) and our oil furnace. The combined cost is \$4,519.00 through the end of March. The cost of snow removal for our parking lot and entrances / walkways came in at \$5,160.00 for the same period. We also pay our insurance costs for the year within the first quarter which was \$7,515.00 for 2026. These seasonal expenses along with our normal operating costs have brought us to a deficit of \$22,841.21 when compared to our total income of \$33,996.25. This amount is very similar to where we were for the same period last year. On the positive side, our income is up by \$1,536.00 when compared to 2025. Thanks to everyone for your support. -- F&P Committee.

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Mission Moment

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as "an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves." Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC's Mission Blog web page he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes "the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing." With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

People showed up from everywhere –
looking for help, for healing, for something real.
We're here for the same reason.

Jesus met them with power and compassion –
no one was overlooked, no one was turned away.
We come expecting grace, open to being made whole.

Jesus said, "Blessed are you" even when life gets hard,
even when you're pushed aside for doing what's right.
When it's costly to follow, we will still choose the way of Christ.

So don't lose heart – rejoice.
God sees you. God is with you. God is at work.
We come with joy and trust, ready to worship and ready to follow.
(Inspired by Luke 6:18-19, 22-23)

Hymn #410 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Opening Prayers

**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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn #498 Sing Them Over Again to Me

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Acts 16:6-34

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Sound"
- Jill Gallina

Sermon: "Singing in the Night: Faith that Refuses Silence"

Hymn #617 Nothing Can Trouble
Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Hymn #755 Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go in the Grace of the Lord**

Postlude: Trumpet Tune - Fischer, arr. Drummond Wolff

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on
the following...

*"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is
the greatest treasure in the world."
~ Martin Luther*

*"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."
~ Corrie ten Boom*



*Have you ever experienced worship or prayer
sustaining you in a hard season?*

How might your response to hardship become a witness to others?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for mission staff Gerry and Lorna Kent & Lora Nafziger and
Mitch Rhodes as they serve people in Nepal through the United
Mission to Nepal.

We pray for congregations concerned about finances, that God will
provide the resources they need to continue the ministry they are
called to do.



We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a relationship, that they will re-learn to trust themselves and others as they move towards healing.

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6-34 (NIV)

⁶Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia's Conversion in Philippi

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” ¹⁸She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

²²The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted, “Don't harm yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.