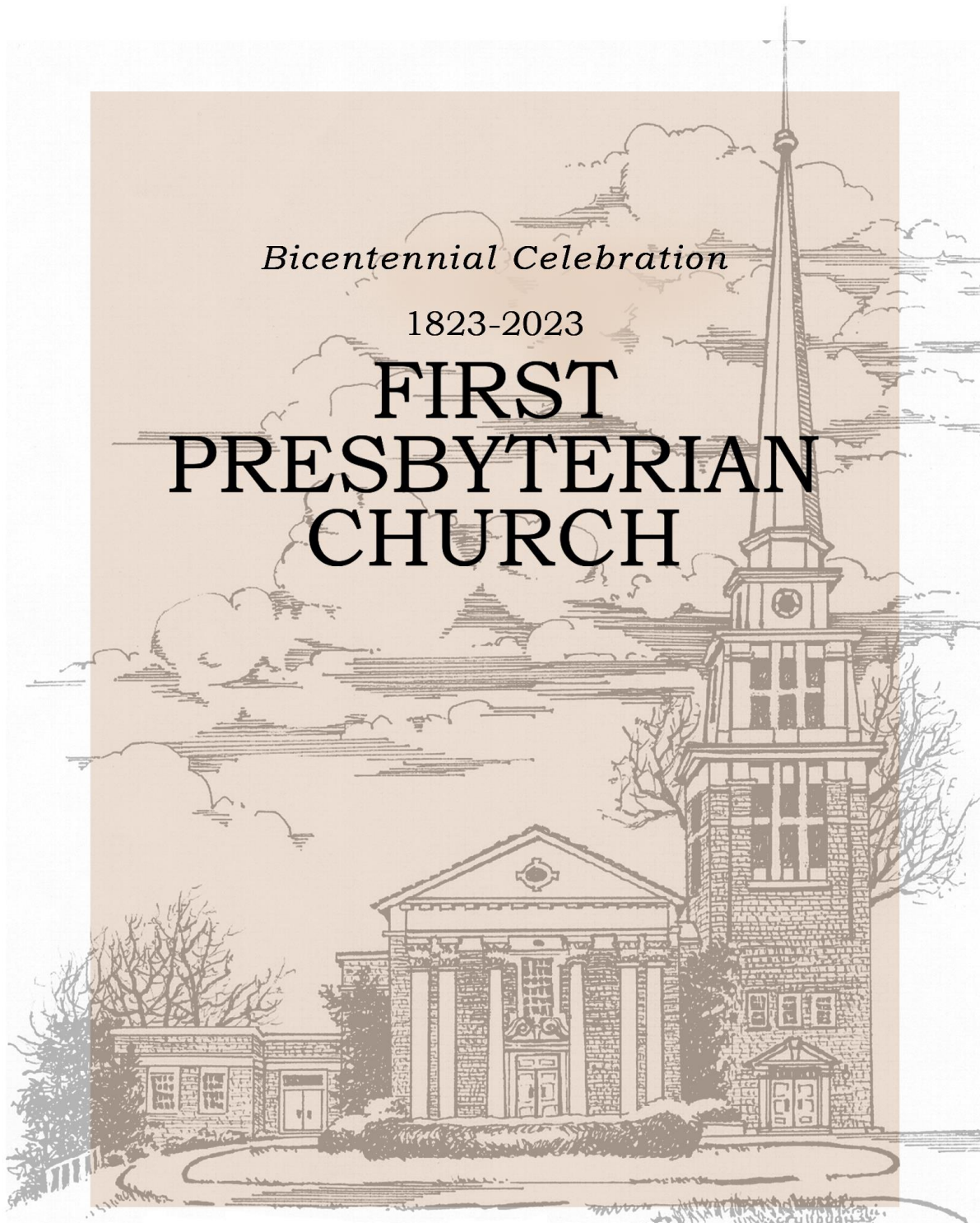


*Bicentennial Celebration*

1823-2023

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

Bicentennial Celebration

## GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 90: 1-2*)

*Rev. John White*

One: Lord, you have been our refuge

**ALL:** *from one generation to another.*

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and sea were born,

**ALL:** *from age to age you are God.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

### PRELUDE

*Allegro*

Selby

Dr. Terry McRoberts

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Is There Room in Your House?*

Choplin

Chancel Choir

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.  
For the Church universal, and for this congregation of your people,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the  
name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed, your  
sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For those who have been made your children, who in this place were cleansed of  
sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with  
your love.

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of  
their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry.

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For faithful stewards among us who have served you by loving neighbors,

**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

One: For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,  
**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God.*  
One: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them.  
**ALL:** *We give you thanks, O God. Amen.*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

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### **PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Rev. John White*

*Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge. We ask for your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful — in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation — to your Word and your ways. Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings. Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors — and each other — as we ought. Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow you with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that you intend for us. Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving you, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.*

#### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

*Rev. John White*

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. John White*

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. John White*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

### **THE WORD**

#### **ANTHEM**

*Is There Room for a Sinner?*  
Chancel Choir

Choplin

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

*Elder Jim Campbell*

#### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**DEDICATION OF THE HISTORY ROOM**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 321** *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**FIRST READING** *Deuteronomy 6:10-12; 20-25 (page 163-164)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND READING** *Acts 4:1-12 (page 121)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** *Remember ... There is No Other Name!*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.*

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OFFERTORY**

*Fantasia*

Krieger

Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go with Us Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Tallis

**POSTLUDE**

*A Mighty Fortress*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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