

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, May 13

8:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	* No Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal Today	
	**No Youth Group Meetings Today - do something great with your mom!	

Monday, May 14

12:00 pm	Senior Adult Ministries - Bag Lunch and a Movie	Library
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 36

Tuesday, May 15

11:30 am	Dorcas Circle will meet to go to lunch at Tony's	Parking Lot
6:00 pm	Nurture Team Baking Cookies for Summer Refreshments All welcome to come and help bake!	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Hospitality and Evangelism Team	Room 24

Wednesday, May 16

9:00 am	Lectionary	Library
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11, 12
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 221	Downstairs
6:00 pm	M.O.P.S. Planning Meeting	Room 24
7:00 pm	Church Council	Library

Thursday, May 17

4:00 pm	VUMmer Hummer Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Saturday, May 19

10:00 am	Worship Team will decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Confirmation Luncheon	Dining Room

Finance Update

May's Income Goal: \$36,000

Week 1 Income: \$10,273

Income Needed for this month's goal: **\$25,727**

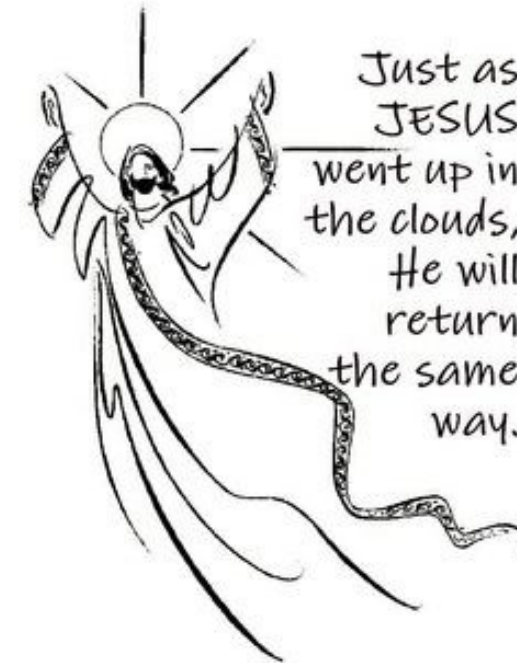
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May 13, 2018

Welcome to all our visitors today! Welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the information card inside and return it in the offering plate. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.



* Indicates to stand if you are able

Pre-service Music - A time of preparation for worship

Announcements and Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads to those near you.)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prelude *Arioso* JS BACH

Bringing in the Light

* **781 Call to Worship** *Psalm 47* (with sung response)

* **2084 FWS Hymn of Praise** *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise* SUSSEX CAROL

* **Passing the Peace**

Silence

Gathering Prayer (Glen E. Rainsley, Touch Holiness)

Great and Loving God, we who come to worship are also persons who sometimes feel that you have abandoned us or left us to fend for ourselves. Although we rely upon your ever-presence, we suspect your absence. Encourage us, O God, when we doubt your promise to be with us always. In our worship grant us the gifts of discernment and hope. Enable us to recognize your workings in the commonplace and the everyday. Open us to faith and help us to perceive not only what is, but also what, by your grace, might be. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, the risen and ascended Christ. Amen

Silent Prayer and Meditation

The Lord's Prayer (895 in the red hymnal)

Anthem 8:30 *In the Seasons of Our Silence* SANDRA T FORD

11:00 *A Shepherd Song* RAYMOND H HERBEK

Prayer for Illumination (Adapted from Andy James, First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone)

Ever-risen Lord, just as you lifted the eyes of the disciples to the rising Jesus at his ascension, so lift our eyes to you as we hear your holy word today, that we might turn our eyes toward the need of the world and our neighbors and follow in your way. Amen.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible NT p. 180

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Nursery is available during the entire hour for children age 0-3 in room 21 of the church.

Children age 3-5 may leave after the Children's Message for a 3-K nursery in room 22.

* **92 Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* [vs 1,4,5 & 6] DIX

The Story of the Ascension Acts 1:1-11 Pew Bible NT p.112

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Message *Now What?* Sharon Harris

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory 8:30 *In Gratitude We Come* WILLIAMS/LANTZ

11:00 *Mit Freuden Zart* (a Bohemian Hymn) MICHAEL R KELLER

* 94 Doxology

* Presentation of Gifts

* **302 Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* [verses 1,2,4 & 6] EASTER HYMN

* **Benediction**

* **God's Light Goes Forth**

* **2239 FWS Congregational Response** *Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World* [verses 2 & 3]

* **Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* GF KAUFMANN



Those Serving in Worship Today:

8:30	11:00
Acolyte: TBD	Ben Vincens
Reader: Jan Nieburg	Alice Weston
Organist: Tim Andrews	Tim Andrews
Music: Chancel Choir	Chancel Bells
Greeters: Lorie Woughter	Rudy & Diane Bernard
Usher Team: Bob Strauss	Hal Ehrhardt
Welcomers: Ruth Mitchell & Linda Cage	Cinda Gausman

Altar flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by Bob & Linda Strauss.