

Baptism

L: Jackson Lee McCaw and Brooks Emerick McCaw have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

SACRAMENT HOLY COMMUNION

-Servers: Mark Wisely, Clint Gingerich, Steve Runyon, Kregg Swanson

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you are a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for us. in times of trouble and seasons of shame you deliver us, for you are our redeemer, O Lord, our faithful God.

P: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Christ Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He goes ahead of us, to make a place for us in your house. We believe in you and we trust in him to lead us home.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Build us up, like living stones, into a spiritual house, and let us be your chosen people, your royal priesthood, proclaiming your mighty and marvelous work.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

L: Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord.

P: May our worship empower us to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say,

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. Amen.

† **CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” #538

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Processional and Trumpet Tune” Edward H. Wetherill

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

MARCH 2026 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT		
	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
Income:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 89,706.79
Expenses:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 79,078.07
(Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 10,628.72

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary —112 ; Households Online — 26

MAY 3 THROUGH MAY 10, 2026

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
Tuesday	6:00 am	Primary Elections
	7:00 pm	The Chosen Small Group
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 pm	Cinco De Mayo—Taco Game Night
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

MEET YOUR DEACON!

TODAY!

During Fellowship Hour

Cinco De Mayo—Game and Taco Night

Friday, May 8

7:00—9:00 pm

Bring your favorite game.

Everyone is welcome!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Ray Faust**, at home under hospice care.
- ♥ **Karen McCord**, shoulder/arm injury.



Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

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| Wendy Bittle | Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village |
| Barbara Landes | Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace |
| Verna Merrell | Rachel Morgan |
| Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville | |



**FIRST
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CHURCH**

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Ken Locke, Interim Pastor

**MAY 3, 2026
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

SESSION

Laurie Szabo	Christian Education
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Mark Wisely	Finance
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.
Steve Runyon	Properties
Rick Mayhew	Worship
Karen McCord	Clerk
Ken Locke	Moderator

DEACONS

Anne Burress
Jill Casper
Cheryl Ditzler
Brenda Christian
Clint Gingerich
Andrea Joines
Linda Melton
Gail Ratliff
Robin Rufatto
Quinn Teague
Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 3, 2026; 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMMUNION SUNDAY

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, organist
"It Is Well With My Soul" Arr. Franklin Ritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Brian Wuerch

L: Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

P: We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into light.

L: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

All: With hearts lifted in praise, we worship our loving and merciful God.

† OPENING HYMN *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"* #104

† CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Jesus taught us mercy by praying for the forgiveness of those who killed him.

P: This miraculous grace assures us that no matter what we have done, no matter the words we have left unsaid, we can come to Christ with our honest confession. Deeply repentant, yet certain of grace, we confess our sins against God and one another.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us how to live.

P: But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us.

L: Help us, O God.

P: Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.

L: God, forgive us.

P: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Time for silent confession.)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Beloved, believe the good news.

P: Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Once again being at peace with God, let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

(Please Share The Peace Of Christ With Those Around You.)

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Lord Here I Am"* Chancel Choir
(John Ness Beck)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Ken Locke
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING *"Blessed Quietness."* W.S. Marshall

Offertory
† Doxology words on screen

† Prayer of Dedication

L: Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.

P: Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10 New Testament pg. 233

HOMILY *"Mystery and Understanding"* Pastor Ken Locke

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

L: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always, to the end of the age.

L: Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

P: The promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

L: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

L: Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present Jackson Lee McCaw and Brooks Emerick McCaw children of Tanner and Kelsey McCaw to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

L: Tanner and Kelsey do you desire that Jackson and Brooks be baptized?

I do.

L: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and so teach that faith to your children?

I do.

Elder: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jackson and Brooks by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

P: We do.

L: Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Water is poured into the font.

L: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

P: In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.

L: You led Israel out of slavery through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.

P: In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

L: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water, that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.