

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 2026 – 11:00 am

\* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

**Prelude: Like a River Glorious**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

*People: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.*

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

*People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.*

*Let us worship the living God.*

**\*Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing #225**

**Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives with your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Time of Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

*People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.*

**\*Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father #813**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

**Children's Sermon**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38; 42-50**

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon:**

**Before the Dawn: Finding Resurrection Through Death  
"Dying to Glory"**  
Rev. Diane Flynn

**\*Hymn More Love to Thee #634**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

*In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
Offering**

**\*Hymn Doxology #815**

**\*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering**

*Gracious and Generous God, you have repeatedly provided for us with abundance beyond measure. In gratitude, we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us. We offer these gifts, our prayers, and the gift of our time as signs of our desire to know you more deeply, to love you more fully, and to serve you more faithfully. Bless these offerings and use them for your purposes. Multiply their impact and open our hearts to recognize your work among us and through us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

**\*Hymn When We All Get to Heaven #772**

**Benediction**

**Postlude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee**



**Serving This Sunday, 5/17**

**Liturgist:** Gaye Gibson; **Sound Room:** Becky Mahon

**Coffee Fellowship:** Sandy Noland

**Serving Next Sunday, 5/24**

**Liturgist:** Ed Jobes; **Sound Room:** Becky Mahon

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

### **SUNDAY, May 17**

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

### **THURSDAY, May 21**

10:00 a.m. – Good Morning Bible Study

### **SUNDAY, May 24**

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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- This week and next our guest musician is Thom Ogilvie. Thank you, Thom, for the gift of music today. We appreciate you! Katherine Stuart will return to the piano on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - The Blessings Box is in need of canned pasta, bottled water and juice boxes. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!
  - Reminder to wear **RED** next week for Pentecost Sunday.

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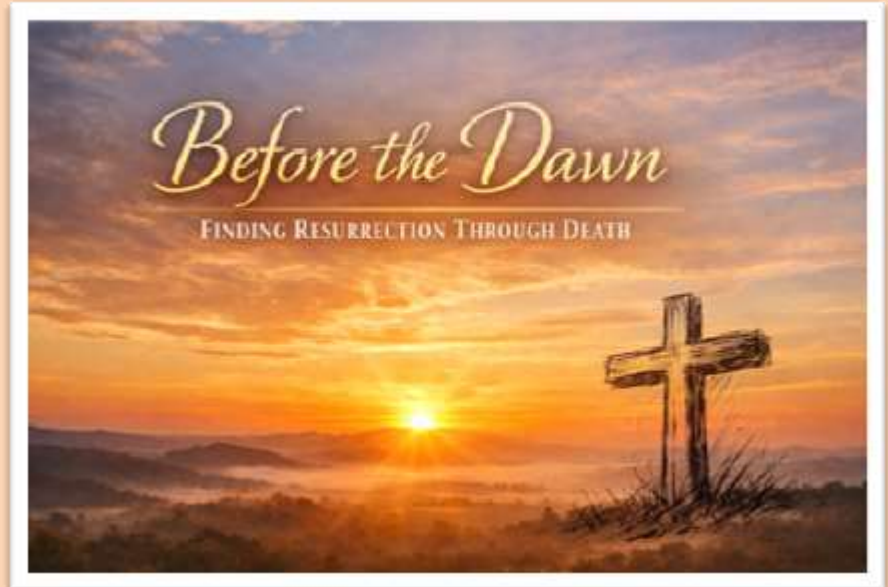
### **Mother's Day - May 10th through Father's Day - June 21st**



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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Before the Dawn:

Finding Resurrection Through Death

“Dying to Glory”

Rev. Diane C. Flynn

May 17, 2026

11:00 a.m.

65 N. Third St.

Newark, OH 43055

Chris Rainey, Worship Elder