



## PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"The friendly church with a place for you"*

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### **Mission Statement**

We are a nurturing church family, believing and witnessing to the Gospel of God's love by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and ministering to the needs of the community and world.

Sunday, May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

[www.parkwaypcf.org](http://www.parkwaypcf.org)

## **OUR DAY OF WORSHIP**

**The Theme For The Day:** Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**WE WELCOME ALL** in worship this morning. We especially welcome those who are our guests today and hope that you will feel God's Spirit of grace and love among us here at Parkway. If you are looking for a Church Home, we invite you to consider our congregation.

***Please silence cell phones ( + ) Denotes to please stand, if you are able***

### **AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**L /** Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**C /** Let the sound of praise ring out.

**L /** Come and hear what the Lord has done,

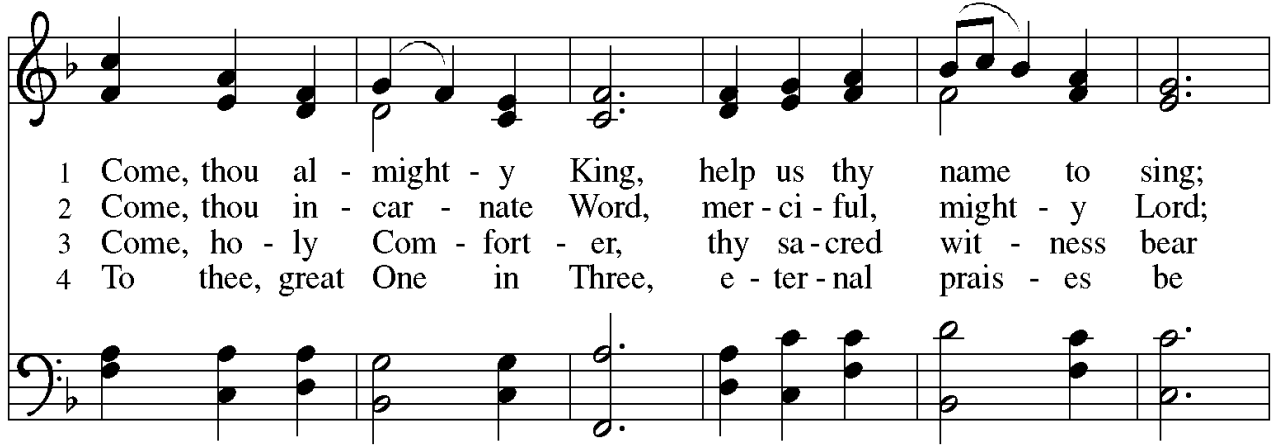
**C /** the Lord who has made everything!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+HYMN**

**“Come Thou Almighty King”**



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## **AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR THE PARDON**

### **+ CALL TO CONFESSION**

L / Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

C / Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENES**

P/ Almighty God, In His Mercy.....

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Hallelujah”**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
(sing twice)*

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

L/ The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People / And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with those around you)*

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON & CHURCH**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'<sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## PSALMODY

Psalm 66:8-20

L / Let us begin together

**All: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

L / <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C / <sup>9</sup>who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

L / <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**C / <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

L / <sup>12</sup>you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**C / <sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**

L / <sup>14</sup>those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**C / <sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

L / <sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

**C / <sup>17</sup>I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

L / <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened.

**C / <sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

L / <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

**All: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## ANTHEM

## GOSPEL

### John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**+ HYMN:**

**“ This Is My Father’s World ”**

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

**Sermon**

**Pastor Ric**

**+ CREED**

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **AS WE RESPOND TO GOD**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

*(Please complete Prayer Cards and hand to an usher)*

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**L /** God, the divine giver, gifts us with life and breath and all that is. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts in return for the goodness and grace of God in Christ.      **C /** Blessed be God forever.

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**L /** O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**CURRENT:** Whitey Adams, Richard Cook, Bill Lawson, Mariann Bacen, Ida Mae Fleming, Jackie Hogan, Jean Olson, Dickie Youngblood family

**CONTINUING:** Tony Abbott, Margo Adams, Ed Brown, Pastor Reid, Nick Cosford, Doris Dixon, Carol Forehand, Anne Freeland, Mary Gordon, Anna Jones, Lee Masters, Chris Meek, Marty Reed, Joan Scherer, Marilyn Schubert, Myrt Shoemaker, Marge Smith.

**HOMEBOUND:** Darol Keefer, Georgie Krobetzky, Gordon Merkel, Julie Reith, Model Richardson, Bertie Shuster, Alan Stone, Barbara VonNyvenheim, Millie Miller.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

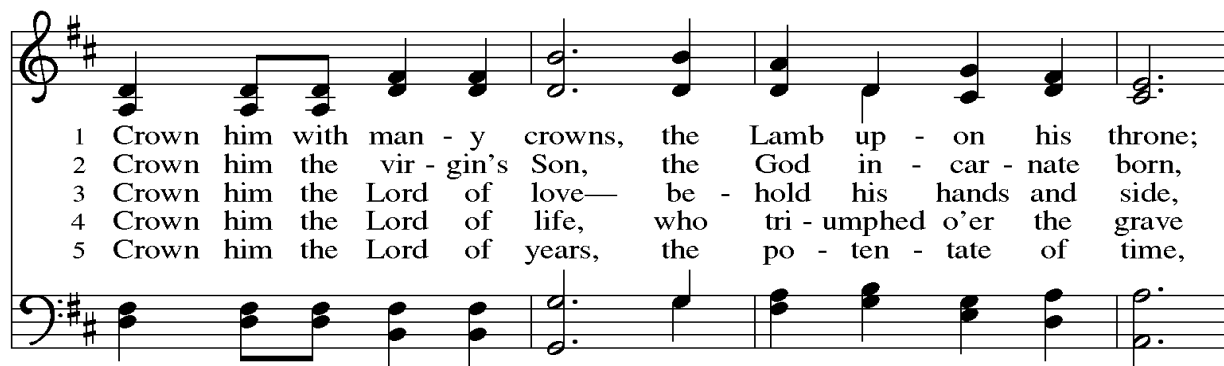
### **BLESSING**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

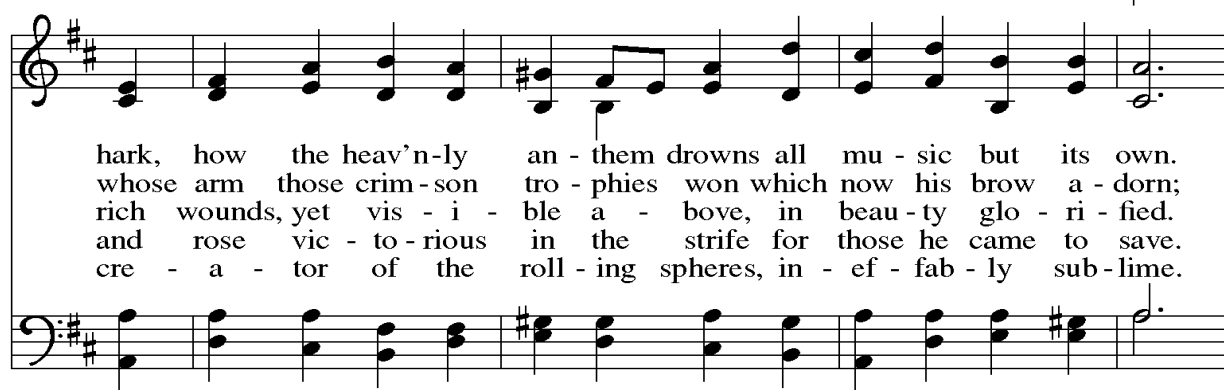


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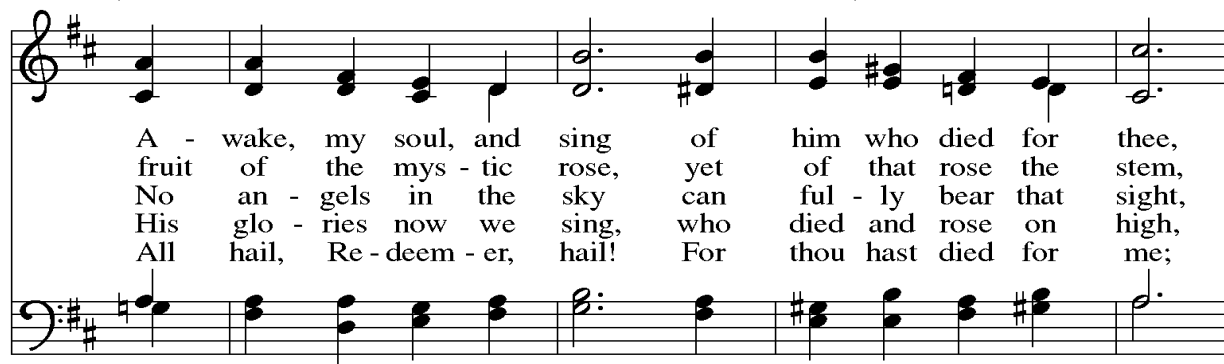
“Crown Him With Many Crowns ”



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Scripture Thoughts*

As with last Sunday's reading, today's gospel comes from Jesus' Farewell Discourse (John 13-17). Jesus continues to provide reassurance and direction for the small community of trouble-hearted believers (14:1, 5, 8, 22) that understands itself to be oppressed and struggles to live faithfully in his absence (14:1-3, 18-19). Two emphases mark these verses: love for Jesus means obeying his teaching, and God's presence remains with disciples through the Spirit in Jesus' absence. Though he has spoken of the Father's love for the world (John 3:16) and for himself (John 10:17), and his own love for people (John 11:5; 13:1), only once prior to chapter 14 has Jesus used "love" to define the relationship of disciples with himself (John 8:42). To love Jesus is to believe him, to know him, and here to obey him. Jesus' commandments or words reveal God, including God's will that disciples relationally embody the very love that Father and Son share (John 13:34-35; 15:9). Disciples are to live his words. They are to love by doing his works. In this community of love, God's presence is encountered through the Spirit.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** will be collecting canned fruit for the month of May and June. Please bring your cans of fruit and place them at the wooden cross in the narthex.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** will have a **YARD SALE** coming up on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1st. You may bring items for the Yard Sale and place them in the Fellowship Hall. This will help us to fund our Food Pantry.

#### **Household Prayer: *Morning***

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. **Amen.**

#### **Household Prayer: *Evening***

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURES TO CONTEMPLATE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

- [Acts 1:6-14](#) - *Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure*
- [Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#) - *Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)*
- [1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#) - *God will sustain and restore those who suffer*
- [John 17:1-11](#) - *Christ's prayer for his disciples*

**WE INVITE YOU** to a reception given by Cathy, Mitch and Shannon, Caroline and Chase next Sunday following worship to honor *Pastor Ric's 40th Anniversary of Ordination* into the ministry. He was ordained in the church that he grew up in at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah, Georgia on May 29, 1977. He had served congregations in Georgia, Virginia and Pennsylvania before coming to Parkway in 2004.

**THE ADULT LUNCHEON** will be this Tuesday at Rodeo's Restaurant beginning at 11:30 AM. This is a great group as we share conversation and fellowship with a plate of good food. If you need a ride or for more information, please speak with Bruce Davis.

### Office Hours:

*Tue: 2:00-4:00*  
*Fri: 8:00-4:00*

**OUR SESSION WILL MEET FOR ITS STATED MEETING** this Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. We ask that all of our Session members be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, please speak with Pastor Ric or Shannon Mueller, our new Clerk of the Session.

**LOOKING AHEAD: PENTECOST SUNDAY** is just two weeks away on June 4<sup>th</sup>. As we do each year, we are asking you to wear red on that day. Red is the color for Pentecost Sunday!



### A LOOK AT OUR OFFERINGS:

*January through April –*  
Operating - \$53,115  
Pantry - \$2,525  
Memorials - \$3,476  
Love Offering - \$1,117  
Other - \$1,932

**THE FOOD PANTRY** will be open this Thursday from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Come and help us out for a few hours in this very important ministry to help the hungry in Bay County. There is always great fellowship and lots of laughs with our super volunteers!



## This Week's Ministry Calendar at Parkway

**T**oday— Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Fellowship

Monday:

7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest
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Tuesday:

11:00AM	Adult Lunch
6:00 PM	Session Meeting

Wednesday:

11:30 AM	Wednesday Workers
5:30 PM	Youth
5:30 PM	Bells
6:30 PM	Choir
7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest

Thursday:

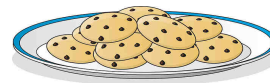
9:30 AM	Food Pantry
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Saturday:

7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest
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**N**ext Sunday—Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Fellowship



Fellowship Time is important to the life of the congregation. We always want to provide wonderful treats during this time. If your last name begins with **S-Z** would you please bring goodies for next Sunday's fellowship.

C E L E B R A T I N G	<p><b>Birthdays :</b></p> <p>5-25 Wendell Allemang 5-25 Ric Connor 5-26 Margo Adams 5-26 Phillip &amp; Stephen Smeby</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b></p> <p>5-21 Girvin Robert &amp; Karen 5-26 Minchew David and Jamette</p>	T H I S W E E K
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**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:**

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**Daily Devotionals are available on  
the Welcome Table.**

Our **Saints** Serving This  
*Sunday*

Elder of the Month: **Mandy  
Kuchta**  
Lay Assistant: Kathy Riley  
Children's Church Teachers:  
**Bob Kuchta and Mandy  
Kuchta**

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*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary  
please call the office @ (850) 785-7081, so KC  
can update correct information.*