



This cup
is the new covenant

by my blood,
which is poured
out for you.

LUKE 22:20

Rev. Lee, Guest Minister
Karl, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

May 3rd, 2026

Communion

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10 (pg. 233 [282 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This life; this gift; this God.

People: **This day; this gift; this God.**

Leader: This hour; this gift; this God.

People: **This heart; this gift; this God.**

ALL: **This God; this God; this God.**

All honor; all glory; this God.

All love . . . This God!

*HYMN #229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious Lord of our hearts; Everlasting Salvation of our lives; like Spring fresh upon us, so renew your Spirit within us. Enliven us with your desire for life. Stir the embers of hope faintly glowing. Let us breathe deep that breath of life you intend. Fill our numb hearts with joy that lays forgotten. May we smile for no reason – other than your peace content within our souls. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16* (pg. 505 [622 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 7:55-60* (pg. 126 [153 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:1-14* (pg. 108 [132 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Lee

To Respond in Faith

HYMN #324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*HYMN #505

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* (pg. 14 in *Hymnal*)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All bread is gluten free; wine is in the middle circle of the tray.

PRAYER (*Unison*)

Holy Christ, Risen Lord alive in our hearts; guest who invites us; who comes to us; who rises and goes with us; we offer our lives to you; not to be apart from you but to be with you; "attached" in that way that sustains your love in us, and our witness for you. Bless us, Dear God, as we go out to serve. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PNC Meeting on May 5th @ 3:00 p.m.

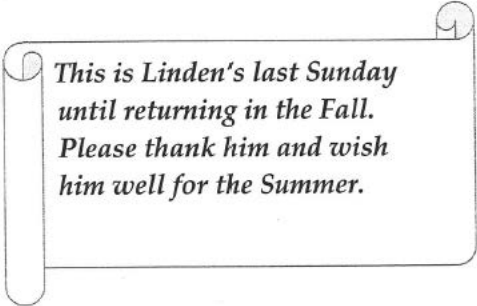
*HYMN #507

"I Come with Joy"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

Linden



*This is Linden's last Sunday
until returning in the Fall.
Please thank him and wish
him well for the Summer.*

For the week beginning May 3rd, 2026

GREETERS: Terry and Judy Everetts

PRAYER FAMILY: Ronda Pollock

ELDER for the Month: Bizzy Chaffee

Mon Office Closed

Tue Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PNC Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Wed. Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thurs. Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Fri. Office Closed

Next

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service; Mother's Day

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Nicodemus-Creach

Liturgist: Craig Hinman

Greeters: NAME

Music Tech: NAME

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

This month we are currently collecting **Brownie Mix** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

The June Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service!

By order of the Session, there will be a Congregational Meeting May 17th after worship for the purpose of electing the Class of 2029 Elders and three members of the congregation to serve on the 2026-2027 Nominating Committee.

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce Levine at 716-378-6773 or

Judy McClain at 716-933-6303





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TUESDAY, MAY 5th, PNC Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 10th: **Mother's Day.** The Sunday School will be honoring the women of our church.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th: **CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

SUNDAY, MAY 17th: By order of the Session, there will be a **Congregational Meeting** May 17 after worship for the purpose of electing the Class of 2029 Elders and three members of the congregation to serve on the 2026-2027 Nominating Committee.

WEDNESDAY, May 20th, **Session Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, May 21st, **Property Committee Meeting.** Time will be 2:00 pm. or 5:30 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 24th: **PENTECOST SUNDAY,** wear RED to symbolize the Spirit.

SUNDAY, MAY 31st will be the last day of Sunday School for the 2025-2026 Season. We will celebrate with an Open House to allow everyone to stop in the Sunday School rooms starting at 9:00 a.m. to see all the wonderful things our children have been learning. After you have visited the SS rooms, stop down in the Dining Room to enjoy a Brownie Sundae!