

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) | Hymnal, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying:

In your steadfast love, **O Lord, have mercy on us.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS, DEBTORS)

SENDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Praise His Holy Name" | Keith Hampton

† **DOXOLOGY (592)**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

† **CLOSING HYMN**

"In Christ There is No East or West" | No. 439

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

Liturgist | Jane Cerbie

Music Director | Mark Brooks

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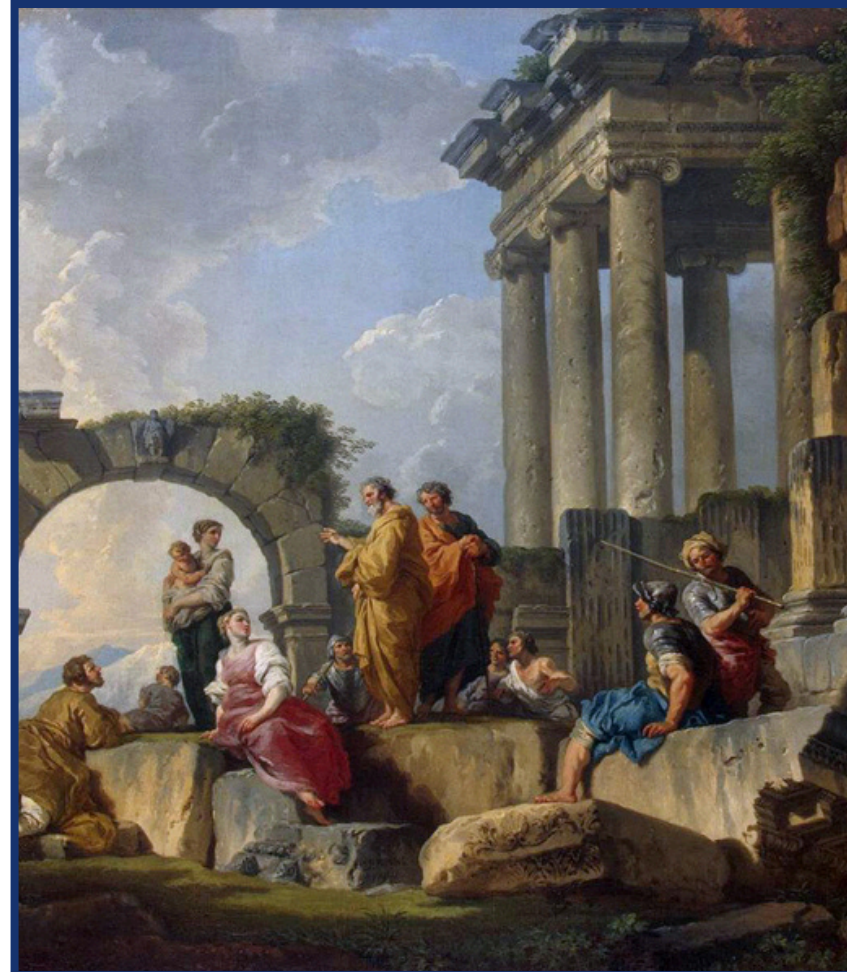
Ushers | Marcia Gaskill & Jane Lewis

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Welcome to
**First
Presbyterian
Church of
Alton**

Sunday Worship Bulletin
May 10, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets

618-465-3592

Office Hours Mon-Fri

9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study
Library

10:00 Worship
Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | Library

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | Music Room

Saturday Café
11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Almighty King | No. 139

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

The Peace | Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22-31 | *Pg. 137 (Pew Bible)*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 13-22 | *Pg. 234 (Pew Bible)*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14: 15-21 | *Pg. 109 (Pew Bible)*
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” | No. 314