



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
May 17, 2026



† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With one mind in Christ, and one heart in the Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS, DEBTORS)

SENDING

OFFERING

† DOXOLOGY (592)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

"We Will Glorify the King of Kings" | No. 2087 in Sing the Faith Hymnal

† 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 | Tom Fields

Music Director | Mark Brooks

Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste

Ushers | Carolyn Bumbacher & Carolyn Macafee

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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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Ascension Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!
Christ has ascended to reign on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” | No.142

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

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! **Thanks be to God.**

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

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11 | Pg. 118 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ANTHEM

Psalm 47

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 | Pg. 192 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 | Pg. 91 (Pew Bible)
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

“At the Name of Jesus” | No. 148