

2. From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race, dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace and in their heart was written by God this saving word: "that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

3. We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid can journey to the future secure and unafraid, rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word: "that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

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Statement of Hope and Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace...never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

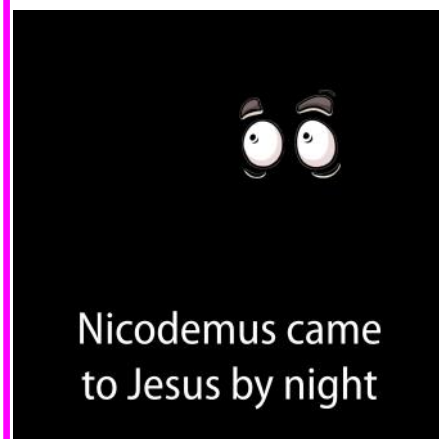
God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Come, Creator Spirit Blest by J.S. Bach

Next Week's Sermon:



We are blessed indeed to be celebrating the baptism of Frances Tamara Marie today!

The **Women in the Bible** Study continues this week as we look at the women who challenged Jesus, including a very interesting encounter by a well in Samaria.

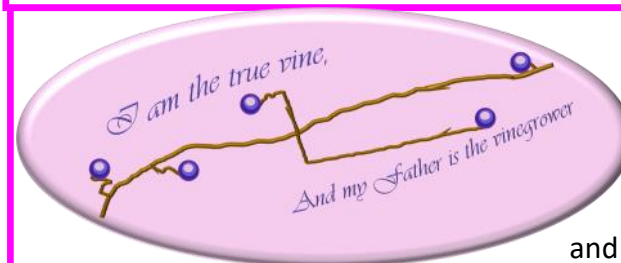


**We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:**

Organist: Martin Bohl  
Greeters: Bill and Marg Hunter  
Beadle: Patrice Wappler  
Worship Assistant: Vin Seunath  
Sunday School: Lori Marsh  
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith

**This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler**

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am  
Wednesday Women in the Bible 10:00 am  
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: Food Bank Noon—2:00 pm



Please pick up a copy of the **"Guidebook to Adventure"** that explains our summer experiment and why we are engaging in it.

**FündScrip**

Are you looking for a birthday gift, graduation gift!?

Our May specials will be a great idea

Winners, Home sense, Marshalls, Aerie, American Eagle, Kernels Popcorn.

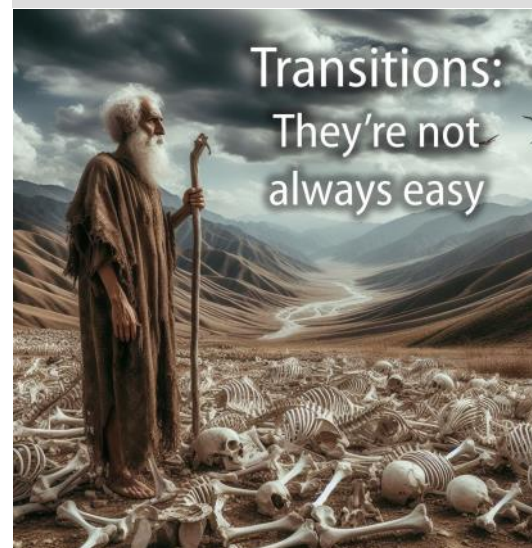
Help your church by ordering cards by the last Sunday in the Month

**Mission Moment: May 19**

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support international partners through leadership development grants. In 2023, the National Council for Higher Education recommended that the position of Assistant Librarian at Zomba Theological University in Malawi should require at least a bachelor's



degree. So, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, Vice Chancellor, requested support from the PCC for Assistant Librarian Jane Mwalabu Makupete to upgrade her Diploma in Library Information to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Records Management. Jane was ecstatic and very grateful when she heard of the PCC's support.



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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm**

**Order of Worship.** We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist by D. Buxtehude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Friends, David and Bryce, Blake and Rylie. have some Good News for us.

**P: What's the Good News?**

Family: *We have a daughter!* (Siblings: *"And we have a sister!"*)

L: Praise God! We have another life among us. Let all the people say Amen.

**P: Amen!**

L: What's her name?

Parents: *She is called Frances Tamara Marie*

L: Why do you bring her here?

Parents: That she may be blessed by God and included in God's community.

**P: Do you know that she needs to go through the waters of baptism?**

*Parents: Yes we do, may we enter?*

L: May they enter?

**P: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of your child, Frances, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which she will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.**

Hymn #516 A little child the Saviour came

1. A little child the Saviour came, the mighty God was still his name, and angels worshipped as he lay the helpless infant of a day.

2. Christ Jesus, as a child, did show the way of life for all to know, now Christ proclaims the message free, "Let little children come to me."

3. We bring her, Lord, and, with the sign of sprinkled water, name her thine her souls with saving grace endow, baptize her with thy Spirit now.

4. Oh give thine angels charge, good Lord her safely in thy way to guard, thy blessing on her life command, and write her name upon thy hand.

5. O thou, who by an infant's tongue dost hear thy perfect glory sung, may she, with all the heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us.

**P: Little child, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.**

L: Frances, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. You, little child, know nothing of this. How will you ever know? Who will ever tell you?

*Parents: We will!*

L: Frances, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

**P: We will!**

L: Frances, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God's life of compassion, justice and peace?

*Parents: We will!*

L: Who is going to help them?

**P: We will!**

Prayer over the Waters:

**P: God of all peace and hope, many years ago, you sent your Son, Jesus, among us to show us your way. We praise you because today you have sent us this child to continue to guide us and show us the way towards a new future.**

**As we pour out this water for her baptism, we thank you that it is a sign that we are all made new in Christ Jesus. Thank you that just as you promise to be with this child whatever may come, you will guide us all through uncertain futures as we are led by your Holy Spirit who continually renews us. Amen.**

Act of Baptism

Welcome

L: Friends, this is Frances, a daughter of God!

**P: Welcome, Frances!**

The Light of Christ

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**P: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

L: There is the sea, great and wide;

**P: creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

L: There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**P: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**P: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

L: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**P: may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

L: who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**P: who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

L: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**P: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

Video Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Read by Jean Godin

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause

breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Hymn #520 Servants of the Saviour (To Tune of #487)

1. Servants of the Saviour, marked as Jesus' own,  
over sin victorious, by a new name known.  
Crucified and risen, chosen of the Lamb,  
blessed and washed with water, raise triumphant psalms.  
Servants of the Saviour, marked as Jesus' own,  
over sin victorious, by a new name known.

2. Servants of the Saviour, captive hearts released,  
children of creation, come and keep the feast!  
Grafted firm together, branches of the Vine,  
loaf and cup are given as redemption's sign.  
Servants of the Saviour, captive hearts released,  
children of creation, come and keep the feast!

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Come Holy Ghost by A. Arnsdorf

Sermon: Transitions — they're not always easy

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #478 To Abraham and Sarah

1. To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word:  
that you shall be my people, and I will be your God."