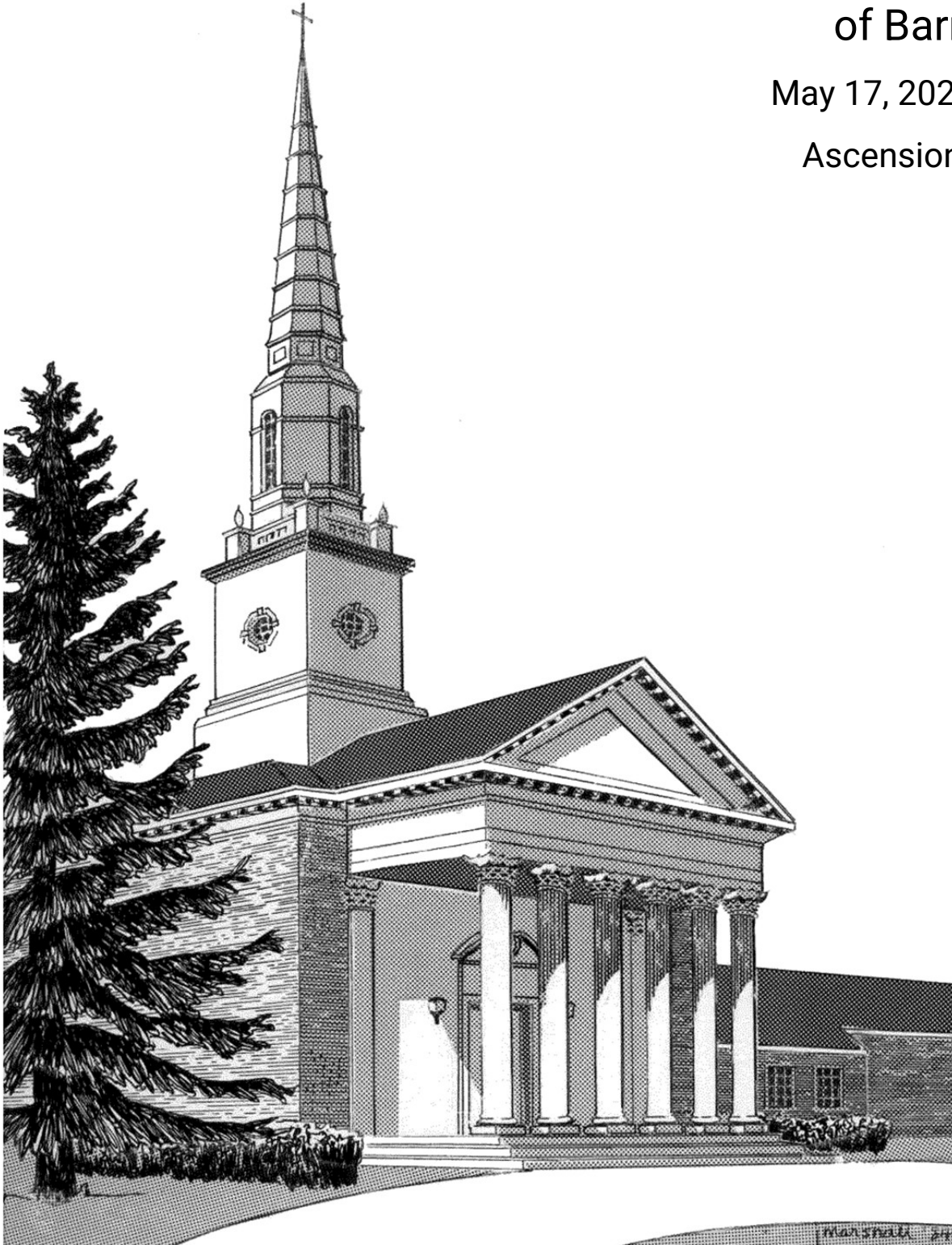


The Presbyterian Church
of Barrington

May 17, 2026 10AM

Ascension Sunday



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Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington; we are glad you are here. As you prepare for worship, silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. Please note, this service is being streamed and recorded live.

✠ indicates you are invited to stand as able.

Prelude Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. David Angerman

Welcome and Life of the Church

✠ Invitation to Worship Psalm 68:7-10, 32

One: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

All: the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

One: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

✠ Hymn 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

✠ Time of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

One: Too often in the season of Eastertide, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection. Nonetheless, God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess our sins, knowing that the God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us. Let us confess together – first in unison and then in silence.

All: Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[prayers in silence]

One: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

All: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

One: Believe the promise of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✦ Sung Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

See words on screen.

✦ Sharing God's Peace

Time with Young Disciples

Children of any age are invited to come forward.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

New Testament, pg. 118

ONE: This the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dan Forrest

Message

Ascending

David Ezekiel

Musical Meditation

Three Shaker Songs

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Luis Cuahtlapantzi, Jin Escala, Eva Youngblood, choral scholars

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Share our Offerings

Offertory	Grazioso	Arnold B. Sherman
✠Doxology 606	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow <i>See words on screen.</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
✠Offertory Prayer		
✠Hymn 265	Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun	DUKE STREET
✠Benediction		
Postlude	Triumphal March	Paul Fey

Worship this Morning

Senior Pastor: David Ezekiel | Liturgist: Curt Moore
Director of Music: Kirsten Hedegaard | Organist: Andrew Luzwick
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Raechel Sowa
AV Team: Tija Franklin, Heather Layne, Joel Stanek

Office Staff

Office & Financial Administrator: Patti Fugle
Website Administrator: Andrew Luzwick
Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8am – 3pm

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

We are delighted you are here today. If you are our guest today, more information about the church may be found at the welcome table in the lobby.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



If you are visiting with us today and have children, use the QR code to learn about our worship and how your children are welcomed and included. Volunteers will be in the nursery to care for children 4 and under following the Time with Young Disciples. Following Pastor David's Message, children aged 3 years-6th grade are welcome to join our Sunday School in the Community Room 3 (art room) located downstairs.

FLOWERS

Sponsoring our Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one. Look for the Flower Sign-up Calendar in Fellowship Hall.

GIVING

An offering to PCB supports all aspects of our ministries and programs inside our church walls and in our community and across the globe. Give as you are able using one of the following ways as an expression of our gratitude to God:

E-giving via the provided QR code

Zelle: use accounting@pcbarrington.org

Place your gift in the offering plate!

Mail your gift to the church office

Stock transfers and QCDs, please call the church office.



SESSION

Session meets tomorrow at 7pm.

RECOGNIZING OUR CHORAL SCHOLARS

Today we celebrate our three 2025-27 Choral Scholar Interns: Luis Cuahtlapantzi, Jin Escala, Eva Youngblood. Thank you for your contributions to PCB!

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

We will be celebrating all graduates during worship and fellowship time on June 14th. Beginning this week and concluding on June 14th, you are invited to write your well wishes and words of encouragement in the journals we will present to our high school graduates. Visit the table in Fellowship Hall to find their books and more information.

PENTECTOST IS NEXT SUNDAY

Wear your favorite red, yellow or orange attire for Pentecost next Sunday.

SESSION

Dr. David Ezekiel, Moderator

George Landes, Stated Clerk

Anna Armstrong ('28)	Rich Barbour ('27)	Bard Board ('27)
Martha Boling-Risser ('28)	Ross Clover ('26)	Bob Dick ('27)
Mari Franklin ('28)	Ron Furst ('28)	Debra Johnson ('26)
Heather Layne ('26)	Peter Shaeffer ('26)	Molly Stine ('27)

DEACONS

Bob Stine, Moderator ('26)

Emily Dowell, Vice Moderator ('26)

Wendy Burdick ('28)	Ericka Fuerte ('28)	Sue Dechow ('27)
Rich Larson ('26)	Margarette Schulze ('27)	Laura Semmen ('27)
Julie Steffen ('28)	Al Zick ('27)	

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audio Visual – Heather Layne
Christian Education – George Steffen
Communications – Mari Franklin
Facilities – Ron Furst
Finance/Stewardship – Molly Stine
Hospitality & Fellowship – Susan Thiess

Leadership Nominations – Bob Stine
Mission - Jodie Harmsen
New Member – Anna Armstrong
Personnel – Peter Shaeffer
Worship – Bob Dick

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.