

National Day of Prayer Service
First Presbyterian Church
Lexington, NC
May 4, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Larson

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: He is the light that shines in the darkness.

One: On the road to Emmaus, they said to the Risen Lord,

All: "Stay with us Lord, for it is almost evening." May those be our words, too.

Opening Prayer

God of Abraham, thank you for hearing the prayers of all your children. Send, we pray, your loving kindness and discerning Spirit, so that we may live as those who belong to a kingdom not of this world, and yet be deeply rooted in the matters of this nation and in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn (insert) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Shared Confession

We confess attitudes of "us and them" and holding onto power is often valued over serving a public trust. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Government Jim Beall Graham

Shared Confession

We confess that, though we expect much from those in the military, we know little about the burdens they carry. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Military Pat Ulmer

Scripture *Isaiah 58:6-12*

Shared Confession

We confess that screens large and small occupy our attention and disconnect us from those around us. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Media Ken Vander Schaaf

Shared Confession

We confess that commerce and profit can push us away from acting justly and caring for neighbor and nature. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Business Jennifer Turlington

Song (insert) *Come As You Are* Glover/Crowder/Maher

Shared Confession

We confess that we have not been grateful for all who work in the field of education to help each new generation discover their world. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Education Ann Kiefer

Shared Confession

We confess when it is comfortable to remain a shelter away from human agony, when we would hear the gospel but not live it. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Church Jon Martin

Scripture *Luke 11:5-13*

Shared Confession

We confess the complexity of family life, that relationships need mutual work, that we share in a human family, and we have not been diligent. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Family Emelie North

Shared Confession

We confess the tensions and separations in the places where we work and live, that we do not always consider what is good for our neighbor. Forgive us, O God, and hear our prayer...

Prayer for Community Ken Davis

Solo *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you are the giver of all good things. Keep working in us and through us in the name of Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose triumphant. Holy Spirit, empower our living to bear a gospel as those who follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* arr. Hayes

We are grateful to Phyllis Jones for playing the organ, Margie Clark for her solo, and the praise band members for their contributions to this worship service.

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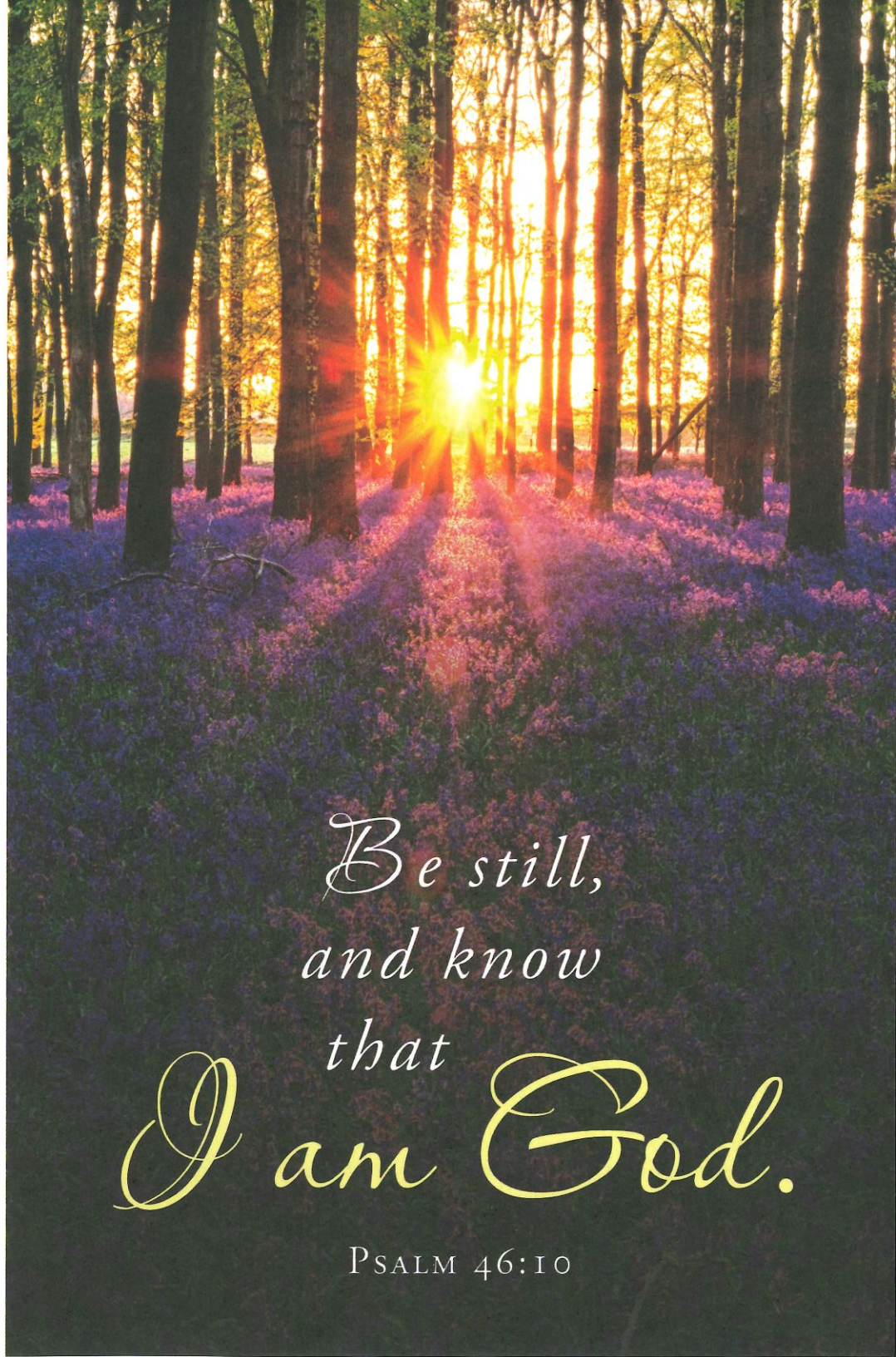
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*Be still,
and know
that
I am God.*

PSALM 46:10