

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 18, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

Week of June 18- Prayers of the People

- Family of Rachel Elizabeth Silver
- Deb Hardie
- Gene Dawson and Family
- Jennifer Edinger
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
18 Frances Hardy
21 Cameron McCormick
25 Mason Winkler
26 Mackenzie Taylor
27 Betsy Baker-Smith
28 Barbara Livingston

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! **Today, we welcome Skip Baker-Smith to our pulpit. Skip is a retired Presbyterian pastor who sings in our choir. His son and family live in Chesapeake where they regularly visit. He will be filling our pulpit until July 2. We also welcome Annette Crandall as our guest pianist/organist.***

Prelude Selections provided by Annette Crandall

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We come together in the sure knowledge:

God does not pass us by.

We gather to worship knowing this truth:

God fulfills promises.

Even when we cannot muster belief:

God is faithful to us.

Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Lord God, we live in your world as strangers who are never quite at rest. We worry about what is to come and wonder about which road to take. We try to outguess the futures market, the weatherperson, or our neighbors. We anticipate love while fearing the pain of loneliness. We are guilty of turning our gift of vision into a futile game of divining the future. Save us from living in the future or in the past. Forgive our day-to-day failure to remember you as our Lord. In Christ We pray, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Fill-a Me Up" Choplin

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Time with Children

Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

First Lesson Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Second Lesson Matthew 10: 5-20

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts – no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that

home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Sermon "Marching Orders" Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benediction Response "Jesus Be with Us" Gambrell
(Please join the choir in singing)

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the Gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way Jesus be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed. Jesus be with us, make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.
Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!

