

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Church Staff

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

Week of June 25- 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.***

Prelude "Andantino" Gigout

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

Hymn 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Invitation to Confession

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

Gracious God,

We believe you have offered us free grace. Yet it is hard to accept anything for free. Our pride gets hurt. Our neighbors get jealous. We feel guilty. Good God, your mercy is hard to understand. We are better at paying bills than receiving gifts; better at "doing good" than in accepting goodness done for us.

Help us put on the cloak of your love. Teach us humility we pray, through Christ our Lord, 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 "Lord, Lord" Scott

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 729 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

First Lesson Psalm 86: 1-7

Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all
day long. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, Lord;
listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Second Lesson Matthew 10: 26-33

"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden
that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is
whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are
not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your
Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are
worth more than many sparrows.

Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.
But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Sermon "Staying in the Game" Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

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!

