

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, July 2, 2023 – 10:30 AM

### Order of Worship

#### Church Staff

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

#### **Week of July 2- Prayers of the People**

- David Stuart
- Deb Hardie
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley

#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

6 Megan Diggs  
8 Arianna Templeton  
10 Riley Jane Smith  
18 Daniel McCormick  
18 Melanie Lutz  
23 Robert Carlisle  
28 Regan Taylor Smith

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!*

Prelude "Prelude on America" Flor Peeters

*Welcome to worship! We pray that through this time of silence and song,  
of words and wine, of bread and prayer---  
your heart may be touched by God's Spirit and Grace.*

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

God has welcomed us without reservation, so let us welcome all in God's name!

**Peace be with you. God's peace be among us, around us, and within us.**

Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Living God: We are not ready for your surprises. We wait for miraculous revelations, while all the time you are trying to get through to us in ordinary speech and daily deeds. When other Christians get excited about their faith, we often run scared because of our own lukewarm commitment. Forgive us, Gracious God, when we are not ready to receive you as our Savior. In Christ's name we pray... Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

We thank you, God, that you are able to hear our confession. We come before you, forgiving one another because of your great love for each of us. Reassure us now of your promise – which we are bold to proclaim together.

**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 "Blessed Is the Nation" Lloyd Larson

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.**

Time with Children

Hymn 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

First Lesson John 6: 32-37

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."

Sermon "Cracked Wheat to Whole Lives" Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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!**

