

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Church Staff

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

Week of July 9- Prayers of the People

- Grace Yingling
- Barbara bond
- 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 "Fidelis Servus" Flor Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest."
All of us know what it is like to be weary. All of us carry heavy burdens.
Let us accept Christ's invitation.
We long to rest in God.

Hymn 625 "O Lord My God"

Invitation to Confession

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

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

Assurance of God's Grace

God upholds all who are falling, and raises all those who are bowed down.
Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 "O Love That Casts Out Fear" Brahms

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.

July Birthday Blessing – all those with a July Birthday are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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 319 "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

First Lesson Romans 7:15-25

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Second Lesson Matthew 11: 16-19 and 25-30

"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Sermon "Sunday Holidays" Rev. Dr. Steven Frazier

Hymn (insert) "We're Marching to Zion"

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

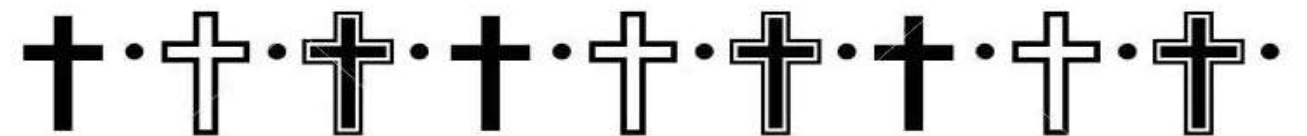
Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the Gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way Jesus be with us today.

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!



O Love That Casts Out Fear

O Love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin. Oh, stay no more without, but come and dwell within. True sunlight of every soul, surround us as we go; so shall our way be safe, our feet now straying know. Lord, be Thy word my rule; in it may I rejoice. Thy glory be my aim, Thy holy will my choice. Thy promises my hope, Thy providence my guard. Thine arm my strong support, Thyself the great reward. Great love of God, come in! O spring of lasting peace, O living water, come. Spring up and never cease. O love of the living God, of Father and of Son, love of the Holy Ghost, make now our hearts as one.