

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 16, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

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 also welcome Nancy Frazier, as our guest pianist, and John Hackworth, as our guest musician.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways:

O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;

We lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore, and follow you.

Hymn 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Invitation to Confession

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

As much as we try not to stray: we do.

As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.

As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know. We didn't mean to. We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to be challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

Assurance of God's Grace

There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us. Thanks be to God

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.

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary
Nancy Frazier – Guest Pianist
John Hackworth – Guest Musician

Week of July 16- Prayers of the People

- Skip Parker
- Billy Ricketts
- Josh Bennett
- 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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“You Are the Light”

Tom Fettke

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 458

“Thy Word Is a Light unto My Path”

First Lesson

Psalm 119: 105-112

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word. Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end,

Second Lesson

Romans 8: 1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Sermon

“The Battle”

The Rev. Dr. Steven Frazier

Hymn 697

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus Be with Us”
(Please join the choir in singing)

Gambrell

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!



You Are the Light

You are the Light we see. You are the Truth we know.
You are the Life we live. You are the Hope,
You are the Joy, You are the Song we sing.

Living God, loving God, we glorify Your name.
High and Holy One come down, we lift our hearts in praise.
Prince of Peace, Immanuel, Jesus, Lord of Love.

Within our hearts – Your light. Within our minds – Your truth.
Within our lives – Your love; Living Your hope, spreading Your joy,
singing Your beautiful song; singing Your beautiful song, Your song.