

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 30, 2023 – 10:30 AM
Order of Worship

Week of July 30- Prayers of the People

- Josh Bennett, Jordan, and members of his family
- Cindy Matthews
- Skip Parker
- Nancy Ward
- Jackie Lapointe
- Josh Bennett
- David Stuart
- Deb Hardie
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7 Makayla Winkler
 10 Mike Taylor
 12 Nancy Mayo
 16 Wayne Rutsch
 17 Carrie Griffin
 19 Grady Fitzwater
 19 Linda Rodrigues
 20 Art Kennis
 22 Emily Fay
 23 Grady Kenrick
 23 Richard Griffin
 26 Margie Arambula
 26 Kim McCormick
 28 Linda Hackworth
 29 Logan Aliff
 29 Alice Simpson
 31 Benjamin McCormick

*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 Nancy Frazier as our guest pianist. Nancy is the wife of our pastor, Steve. Thank you for lending your talents to our service today.***

Prelude Selection by Nancy Frazier

Choral Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

We seek the kin-dom of God:
Where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.
 We seek the kin-dom of God:
As precious as pearls or treasure.
 We seek the kin-dom of God:
Where joy and abundance reign.

*Hymn 35 “Praise Ye the Lord”

Invitation to Confession

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

We love God and yet...
 We are Christ's disciples, and yet...
 We are guided by the Spirit, and yet...there are many ways we do not live this reality. Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us in our time of confession.

Spirit intercede ... **when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family.**
 Spirit intercede ... **when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.**
 Spirit intercede ... **break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

Beloved, hear the good news: God is for us. Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

****Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!**

**Please rise in body or Spirit. | **Words in bold print are spoken aloud in unison.*

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 "God Be in My Head" John Rutter

*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 406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

First Lesson Genesis 29: 15-28

Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be." Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years I return for your younger daughter Rachel."

Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her." So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

Laban replied "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Second Lesson Matthew 14: 31-33 and 44-46

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

Sermon "The Treasure Hunt" The Rev. Dr. Steven Frazier

*Hymn 33 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

*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.

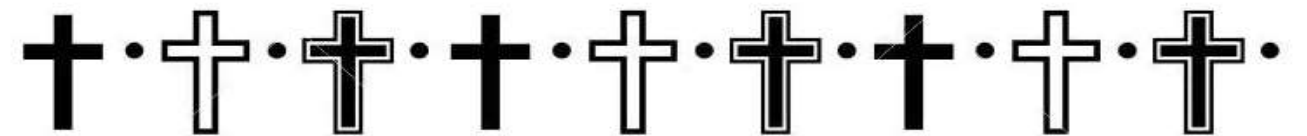
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus be with us, make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need.

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!



God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.