

### Church Staff

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

### **Week of August 6 - 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

### 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 to First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, August 6, 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 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 come, carrying just what we need for the journey;  
**Five loaves, two fish.**  
We come, bringing whatever we have to offer  
**Our time, our talents, our gifts.**  
We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:  
**In God's hands, what we have is enough.**

\*Hymn 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Invitation to Confession

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

When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God's path, even when our feet slip. God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.

**\*\*Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so that we may never be hungry again. You offer us the living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Incline your ear, listen. God makes an everlasting covenant with us.

**\*\*God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward. 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.**

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "I Am the Bread of Life" Simon Lole

\*Doxology **And also, with you. We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*\*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 (Insert) "Holy, Holy"

First Lesson Isaiah 40: 27-31

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding none can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Second Lesson Psalm 145: 6-9 and 14-21

They tell of the power of your awesome works – and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; and has compassion on all he has made. -- The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Third Lesson Matthew 14: 13-14

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Sermon "Waiting" Dr. Steven Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you. We lift them to the Lord. 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 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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!**