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Week of August 13 - Prayers of the People

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- 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 13, 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**

O, give thanks to the Lord!
Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!
Remember all the things God has done!
We glory in God's holy name!
Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:
We come to be in God's presence.

*Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Invitation to Confession

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

We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better, to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly. Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

****Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

****We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!**

**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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Edward
Broughton

*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.**

August Birthday Blessing – all with August birthdays 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 647 "Give Thanks"

First Lesson Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? and how can they believe in one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Second Lesson Matthew 14: 23-33

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "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."

Sermon "No One Walks on Water" Dr. Steven Frazier

*Hymn 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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!



I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky! There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that man can be, thou God, art present there. Amen!