

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 20, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Church Staff

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

Week of August 20 - Prayers of the People

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

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 Benjamin 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!

Choral Prelude "God's Time Is Best" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

God gathers all the outcasts together and makes us joyful!

*Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Invitation to Confession

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

We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!"

We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!"

We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just.

****God of all goodness. We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good – on the love, the compassion, the care – and ignore the bad – the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.**

Assurance of God's Grace

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

****Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "His Eye Is on The Sparrow" Charles Gabriel
Gabrielle Goodrich, soloist

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

*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 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

First Lesson

Genesis 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Second Lesson

Matthew 15: 10-20

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.”

Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides.^[a] If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Sermon

“Heart Attack”

Dr. Steven Frazier

*Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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!

