

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 10:30 AM

FATHER'S DAY 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.

Prelude

"Doxology"

arr. Kristin Campbell

****Call to Worship**

Holy God, we are amazed at your splendor throughout all creation.
We are overwhelmed with your grace that calls us your children.
We are transformed by ever-present welcome in Jesus Christ.
In the name of your son, our Lord, receive our sacrifice of thanksgiving.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Invitation to Confession

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

Creator God, your holy reign of love makes all things new. Yet, we wander despondently among the mistakes and guilt of yesterday. We bear its burdens, bemoan our foolishness, and despair over unrecoverable losses. Forgive our lack of confidence and self-serving pride. It seems impossible, you could refashion our old souls. Yet, into our gloom, your Word plants seeds of promise. You fold in rich soil, tenderly weed, and water. We grow again. By your mercies, release us from our stubborn self-indulgence. Through your fearless kindness, may we live for him who died and was raised for us. May your holiness in Christ Jesus overflow in joy and peace. Amen.

****Assurance of God's Grace**

Bless our Father God, the God of our salvation.
The God who daily bears us up and rescues us from sin and death.
Our God is a God who saves!
Amen!

Response

"Sing A New Song"

Hymn 276

****Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"His Eye Is on The Sparrow"
Todd Taylor, Soloist

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

Apostles' Creed

****I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Time with Children

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**

Hymn 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So, from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Second Lesson

Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Again, he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Sermon

“The Cutting Edge”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Benediction

*Benediction Response

“As the Deer”

Hymn 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

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 snacks after worship!

Guest Pianist – Nancy Frazier


Happy Father’s Day!




WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
Court Yard Concerts
This Wednesday 7pm
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Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Wayne Braswell
Judy Hedgepeth	Angela Grunenburg, friend of Gabbi and Matt
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law	Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett	Robert Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Barbara Owens
Mae and Chreston Holoman	Maria Rhodes
Chianne Hackley, friend of Tanner and Alyssa	Gus Spanos
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Mike Mike Taylor
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	Mary Raines, friend of Norma
Dana Arden	Wendy, Alyssa's aunt
Peggy Norfleet	Barbara Bond

Church Staff

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

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Cameron McCormick
Norma Halterman
Todd Taylor
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michelle Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10 Cooper John Smith
14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
18 Frances Hardy
21 Cameron McCormick
25 Mason Winkler
26 Mackenzie Taylor
27 Betsy Baker-Smith
28 Barbara Livingston