

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 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.*

Prelude "Ashokan Farewell" arr. James Welch

Choral Call to Worship

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The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,  
**for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**  
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,**  
**who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**  
Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.  
**O God, we seek your face! Let us worship God with gladness.**

\*Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Invitation to Confession

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

**O God of our salvation, you send prophets in our midst to correct us when we have gone astray, to warn us away from the crooked path, and to make clear the consequences of sin. Too often, we want to stray, we enjoy the crooked path, and we do not care about the consequences. So, we twist the prophet's words or listen only in part. O God, grant us the humility to hear in a prophet's correction, the honey tones of your salvation, the harmonies of your steadfast love. Amen.**

\*\*Assurance of God's Grace

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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 "Feed My Lambs" John Hackworth

*\*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 – Gail Pittman

July Birthday Blessing – All with July birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing.

Hymn 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**

First Lesson

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12-19

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

Now King David was told, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So, David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to

the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Sermon "I Want to Dance with You" The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 157 "I Danced in the Morning"

Benediction

\*\*Benediction Response "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" Hymn 69  
**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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!**

July Liturgist – Theresa Roberts  
Instrumentalist – John Hackworth  
Guest Pianist – Nancy Frazier



Next Sunday, July 21, lessons are Psalm 24 and Romans 7: 15-22. The sermon title will be "The Mess You Made" delivered by Rev. Pastor Steve Frazier.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Wayne Braswell
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	The family of Barbara Owens
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus Spanos	Barbara Bond
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Nancy Grant
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	Peggy Norfleet
Dana Arden	

**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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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