

*First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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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

"My Lord, What a Morning!"

arr. Eugene Hancock

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

When we long for Your presence,
You are there with us, O source of comfort.
When we face dangers and perils,
You are there for us, O source of strength.
When we need to do justice,
You are there within us, O source of courage.
So, we come with songs and praises
That all the ends of the earth and all the families of the nations may know of Your love.
Let us praise God!

Hymn 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Invitation to Confession

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

**God, our lives are full of so much that keep us distracted, full of activities and commercials,
full of background noise and disruptions, full of strong winds and fires, full of alienation and loss.
You come to us even in the midst of it, and in the silence, in the stillness
You ask us to eat and rest, to recover our strength and gain some clarity.
Give us the strength to stand up, to go into the wilderness,
and to do the work of blessing others, feeding others, and giving others rest.**

Assurance of God's Grace

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.**

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison*

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is Holy. Be still, O restless soul of mine, bow before the Prince of Peace, let the noise and clamor cease. Consider all that He has done. Stand in awe and be amazed and know that He will never change. Be still, be speechless. Be still and know That He is God. Be still and know He is our Father. Come, rest your head upon His breast, listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love, beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Hymn 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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

Psalm 42, page 487

Second Lesson

Luke 8: 26-39, page 898

Sermon

"Go Home."

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Benediction & Benediction Response

"Jesus, Be with Us"

David 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 of the Peace

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!

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Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Lane Pittman
Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley
Kim McCormick
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Bobbi Stegall

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Kathy Goolsby
Everest Goodrich
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa

Church Staff

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

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator
Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupmann (2025)
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)
Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10 Cooper John Smith
14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
21 Cameron McCormick
26 Mackenzie Taylor
27 Betsy Baker-Smith



The family of Mike Taylor has donated her 12' Christmas tree to the church. It is taller than the Chrismon tree we currently use and will need more ornaments. Jerry Freeman is willing to head the effort to make new Chrismons and has already ordered supplies. He has the patterns and records from the group that made the beautiful ornaments we have used for many years. All that is needed are talented crafters to sew the ornaments. If you are interested in participating, let Jerry or Pat Sparks know.