

First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 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 "Choral Prelude on America" Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The Lord who loves us all has called us together to worship with joyous praise.

We proclaim with radiant faces what God has done for us.

We grow closer to God every day as we pray and sing.

Come, everyone, come; join the Heavenly Chorus,

For we are God's people and the sheep of His pasture.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Merciful God, You led folks to this land, and out of conflict,
created in us a love of peace and liberty.**

We have failed You by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms.

Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice.

Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed.

Have mercy on the heart of this land.

Make us compassionate, fair and helpful to each other.

Raise in us a right patriotism,

that sees and seeks this nation's good as we move forward as Your children into Your kingdom.

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Praise "Sing a New Song" Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem "Blessed Is the Nation" K. Lee Scott

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.

*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.*

A Statement of Our Faith

The Lord who loves us all has called us together to worship Him with joyous praise.
We proclaim with radiant faces what He has done for us by sending his only Son, Jesus,
who loves us enough to suffer and die so that we might be free.
Sharing in His overwhelming love and calling on His power, in obedience,
we grow closer to Him every day, “finding ourselves” in the process.
We are excited to think that He is always with us—in life, in death, in life beyond death!
So, we humbly and gratefully glorify His Holy name.
Our trust is in Him forever and forever. Amen.

Time with the Children

Hymn 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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

Galatians 5: 22-26, page 1015

Second Lesson

Luke 9: 57-62, page 901

Sermon

“The Conundrum of Our Allegiance”

The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 697

“Take My Life”

Benediction

Postlude

“America the Beautiful”

John Dixon

Passing of the Peace

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



The first meeting of the Happy Chrismon Crafters will take place this Sunday in the social hall immediately following post-worship fellowship. Please join us if you are interested in helping to make beautiful ornaments for our larger tree.



We enter this week preparing to celebrate 249 years of our freedom on July 4. We entered last Sunday with the news of our bombing in Iran. Many emotions swirl in our hearts. May our “thoughts and prayers” on this day be offered to God—with each other—full of wisdom and grace as we humbly worship together. Before worship begins, please read the printed words of our common prayers in the bulletin. They are new this week. Thanks!

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Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Kim McCormick	
Gus and Clara Spanos	
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	
Bobbi Stegall	

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