

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below.)*

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

J. S. Bach, arr. Harvey Grace

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 666, v. 2)

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27

One: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us!

All: We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

One: The Lord is our light and salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER WITH LORD’S PRAYER

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.

*OPENING HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your love is like a gentle wind that is forever guiding us along. Yet how often we turn away from your support and attempt to push ahead in our own way. We prefer our plans and miss seeing how we might cooperate with your guidance. We believe that it is by our own efforts that we accomplish the deed or possess the reward. In our drivenness, we miss the spirit of joyful thanksgiving. We live without gratitude and languish in isolation. Holy God, guide us as we move toward the joy and healing found in Jesus, in whose name we pray,

Silent Prayer - (How have you let God, others, or yourself down?)

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again.

All: By God's grace, in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 581)

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler

(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara.)

ANTHEM

Living Hope

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

1. How great the chasm that lay between us? How high the mountain I could not climb? In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ my living hope.

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever; Jesus Christ my living hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain. There’s salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

Trio: Lee Zehmer, Bobby Smith, and Mike Forrest

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 30:1-5

(Pew Bible p.478)

Mark 5:21-43

(Pew Bible p.37)

THE SERMON

Dr. Lee Zehmer

Son of Man, Superman

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 529

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 4)

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us.

Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.

In him is our only hope of salvation.

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.

OFFERTORY

Pastorale on ‘FOREST GREEN’

Richard Purvis

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Come, Holy Spirit, come and make all things new. Receive these offerings of our lives and labor, and use them to spread the Good News of the abundant life in Jesus Christ throughout the earth, to the glory of your name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 295, v. 1)

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Kenneth Roberts and in honor of our firefighters, police officers, and all first responders.

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God’s love for you today.

Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

Nursery Care Today: Christy Goodner **July 26:** Natalie Harper
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Cynthia Johnson, Dave Keely
Elder/Deacon on Duty July 26: Chip Hutchison, Joan Musselwhite
Monitor/Greeter Today: Bob Ballard **July 26:** Chris Wheeler
Acolytes Today: Amelia Skinner, Ellis Williams
Acolytes July 26: Ben Williams, Charlie Cycak

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Manfred Liewald, Allen Tice, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton, Sam Curry, the family of Dora Bowman, and the family of Donna Martin

Help for HOPE: For the month of July, we will collect rice and rice mixes. Any brand, bags or boxes, and any variety are needed! Please leave donations in the Narthex by TODAY.

Wednesday Yoga: There is a summer sign-up for our 6:00 pm Wednesday Yoga classes. Classes will not meet every week. Please use the QR code to let Susan Demchak know when you will be attending.



Home Communion: On Communion Sundays, we will be serving anyone who wishes to have communion brought to them at home if they are unable to attend worship. Please call the Church Office at 803-328-2467 to be added to the home communion list OR to add someone to the list! We need a few more Elders to help with the serving. Contact Bob Ballard to join the serving team.

New Members Class and Reception in Verdery Chapel: We will have a “FPC 101” Class on Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 am for those interested in learning more about FPC. On Sunday, August 9, the Session will receive New Members at 10:00 am. Attendance is not required at both sessions. Reach out to Pastors Lee and Kara for more information.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday, August 2 at 11:00 am Worship. Students of all ages and teachers may bring their backpacks for a special blessing as we begin the new school year.

Family Promise: Thanks for all the wonderful volunteers at FPC who host families experiencing homelessness. Our next 2026 opportunity is: August 2 - 9. We will need overnight hosts, dinner providers, and greeters to open the building, visit with our guests and help other volunteers. Please see a sign-up sheet in a yellow folder on the Narthex table or use this QR code to volunteer.



Rally Day at FPC is August 16! Please join us as we kick off a new school year of study and faith formation at FPC! Breakfast at 10:00 am in Hopkins Hall! Bring a covered-dish breakfast item to share!

Rise Against Hunger: Rise Against Hunger: Join FPC on Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 pm for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief. We will pack 15,000 meals and will need close to 100 people to complete our goal! **There is plenty of room for more volunteers to register!!** Use the QR code to register today!



Montreat Weekend is October 16-18! Registration is open. A room in the Inn is \$100/night and \$140/night if you need two rooms for your family. Six apartments available at \$140/night if arriving on Thursday of the Montreat Weekend. Reach out to Kara for more info. Don’t miss out on this weekend!

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship

Monday, July 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Wednesday, July 22

6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, July 23

2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2026

John Abernathy
Jimmy Campbell
Scott Harris
Elizabeth Owen
Susan Roberson

Class of 2027

Paul Horne
Ann Hunsucker
Chip Hutchison
Julia Nichols
Sheryl Smith

Class of 2028

Clair Roberts
Bo Redmond
John Blackwelder
Cynthia Johnson
Rob Joiner

Members of the Diaconate

Beth Janicke, Moderator

Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy
Heather Dellinger
Kathy James
Margaret Joiner
Dave Keely

Class of 2027

Beth Janicke
Allen Katz
Joan Musselwhite
Steve Roberts
Sherry Hutchison

Class of 2028

Cameron Lawson
Carolyn Johnson
Jonathan Nichols
Richard Quandt
Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for July

Heather Dellinger, Allen Katz, Carolyn Johnson

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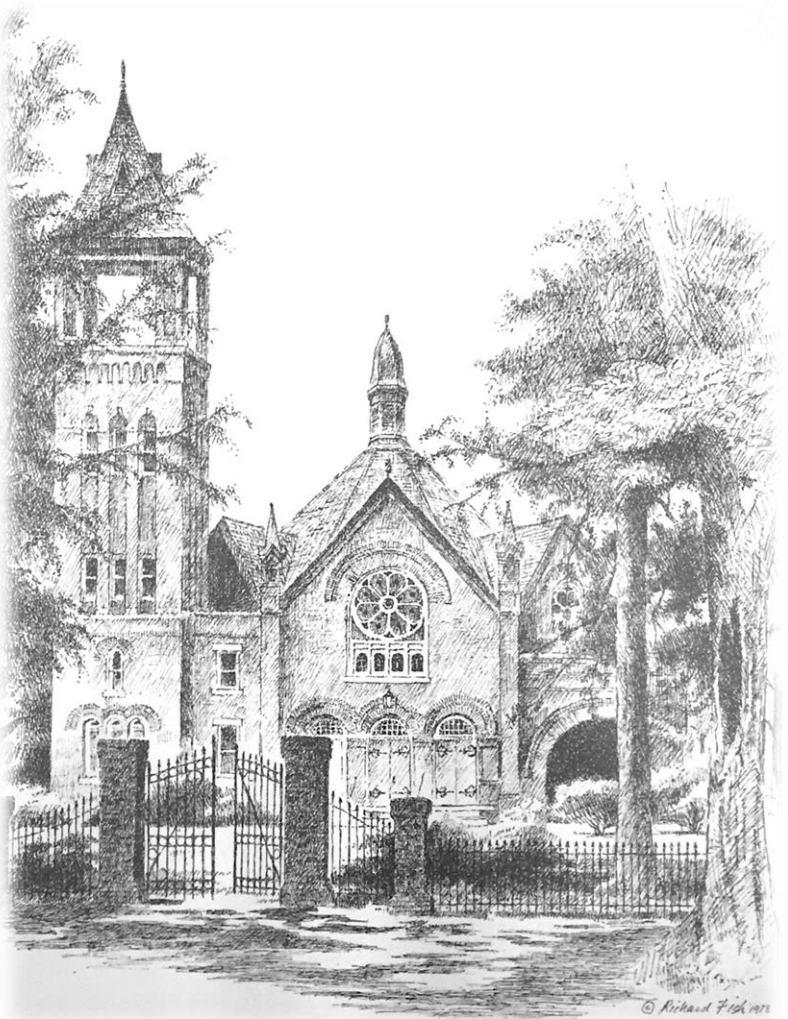
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed



This QR Code may be used for all online contributions to the church. There is a 1% processing fee for Checking/ACH transfers and 3% fee for Credit Card transaction.



July 19, 2026
10:00 am

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God’s renewing and transforming love as we:

Worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving

Teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

Serve others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fellowship with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
Nurture and Embrace all of God’s children.

Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor
Rev. Kara Wheeler – Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music
M. L. Marley – Organist
Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir
Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs

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