

The Service of Worship

June 7, 2026

Chimes

Prelude

River Flows in You

Yiruma

Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner

Greeting and Announcements

Introit

We Fall Down

Marsha Davis and Jerri Spear

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (responsive)**

The psalmist declares,

I am like a green olive tree

in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God

forever and ever.

I will thank you, God, forever,

because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful

let us proclaim God's name, for it is good.

Let us worship God!

God of all glory,

on this first day you began creation,

bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day you began your new creation,

raising Jesus from the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we,

the people you create by water and the Spirit,

may be joined with all your works

in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ,

in union with the Holy Spirit,

we praise you now and forever.

Amen.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (responsive)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.

Amen.

***The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Response**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

When You Believe

Stephen Schwartz

Darla Korrey Gertner and Jerri Spear

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Fred Crawford

***Hymn of Response**

We Fall Down

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***Affirmation of Faith (The 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, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall 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.**

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

A Moment for Grateful Reflection

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner

Charles H. Gabriel

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (responsive)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

**Use the offering of our life and labor,
in feeding the world with your love;
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

*Sending Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vv. 1 & 2)

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Spirit, Open My Heart
Marsha Davis and Jerri Spear

***Chimes**

Postlude

On Eagle's Wings
Marsha Davis

arr. Mark Hayes

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

Worship Notes – Sources Used in Today's Liturgy

Call to Worship: *Glory to God online hymnal*

Opening Prayer, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness, Prayer for Illumination, Prayer of Dedication: *The Book of Common Worship*

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Prayer Concerns June 7, 2026

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)

Presbytery of Plains & Peaks

(Honorably) Retired Teaching Elders

Those with Special Needs or Concerns

Grace Ann Albright Family	Rose Neblett
Joe Baran (in-law of Ted & Penny Propst)	Dirk Nye and Regine Bendelow (Jackie Barton's step-father & mother)
Jackie Barton	Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)
John Bennett (Neblett's grandson)	David Prince (Tanna's brother)
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)	Emma Rich (Granddaughter of Gary & Kay Rich)
Clark Bernhardt	Cadie, Hailey, and Austen Rose (Jason Rose family)
Norm Blackburn	Leslie Rudolph (sister of Mike Tyson)
Brenda Boeff	Betty Scharf
Randy Brigham	Linda Schoyer (Sister of Connie Sue Clark)
Leah Burt (friend of Judy Rounph)	John Seffens (friend of Mike Tyson)
CEDEPCA (Protestant Ministry in Guatemala)	Darrell Smith and family
Cooperating Ministry	Montelle Smith
Sally Craig (friend of Jackie Reynolds)	Jim Stegman
Dylan Cranwell — Peace Corps	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Taylor Cranwell	The family of Sharon Treacy (mother of Laura Guenzi)
Jeanne Crouch & Family	Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)
Dave & Marsha Davis	Under the Umbrella
Sarah Davis	Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)	Laurie Weskamp Wagner (Jeff's sister)
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)	Jeff Weskamp
Family Resource Center	Michelle Wilson (friend of David Chrisp)
Carolee Goldsmith (mother of Brandon Eaton)	
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)	
Mike Hawkins (Michelle Hawkins' brother)	
Highlands Camp	
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)	
Dennis Kaan	
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)	
Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)	
Delinda Korrey McDowell	
Jim Leh	

Prayer List Updates:

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing, and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

Announcements—June 7, 2026

We invite you to join us in our work and worship at First Presbyterian Church.

At a Glance

June 7	10:30	Worship Service
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee
June 8	9:00	VBS
June 9	9:00	VBS
June 10	9:00	VBS
June 11	9:00	VBS
June 12	9:00	VBS
June 14	10:30	Worship Service
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee with Birthday Celebration

Church Office hours: Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 am—Noon; and Tues/Thurs: 1:00-4:00 pm

Food Pantry Items: Throughout the month of June we are collecting: Chunky Soup with pop-tops and Crackers. You may bring your donations to the church and put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

Tithes & Offerings: Thank you... your support makes mission & ministry possible.
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Bell Choir Director	Lindsey Jackson
Office Administrator	Rashell Fritzler
Bookkeeper	Karlee Manuello
Property Manager	Janet Kloberdanz

Serving Today

Liturgists	Fred Crawford, preacher Connie Sue Clark, liturgist
Acolyte/Bible Bearer	LeRoy Morrissey, Harry Peterson
Ushers	Jackie Barton, Lora Boren
AV	Rex Witherspoon (Sound), Callie Jackson (Slides)
Offering Count	Connie Ham
Fellowship Coffee	Christian Education
Bulletin Delivery	Jackie Barton