



A Service for the Worship of God | July 27, 2025 |
10:45am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*Prelude from Suite Bergamasque*.....Claude Debussy
Cara Lamb, guest pianist

†CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

†HYMN, No. 22.....*God of the Sparrow*.....ROEDER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 466.....*Come and Fill Our Hearts*.....CONFITEMINI DOMINO

(To be sung twice)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE.....*Gloria Patri*.....MEINEKE

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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another saying: **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

Respond by saying: **“And also with you.”**

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

Young children may exit at this time for Extended Session, Room 103 in the Christian Education Building.

There is no Worship Center in the summer.

RESPONSE, No. 832.....*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*.....KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

It is not the work of my hands

That has washed away all my sins.

I'm redeemed, and all of my days,

Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....Colossians 2:6-15

Pew Bible, page 807 | Large Print, page 1048
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 11:1-13

Pew Bible, page 67 | Large Print, page 87
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*The Faith to Knock*.....Rev. Drew McFayden

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†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.

†HYMN, No. 728.....*Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*.....SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

**OFFERTORY.....*Clair de Lune from Suite Bergamasque*.....Claude Debussy
Cara Lamb, pianist**

†DOXOLOGY.....TALLIS' CANON
(Sung to the tune of hymn No. 675, *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*)

**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.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN, No. 175.....*Seek Ye First*.....LAFFERTY

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE.....*Through the Love of God Our Savior*.....Welsh traditional melody

**Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor;
All must be well;
Precious is the love that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All, all is well.**

**We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All must be well;
While his truth we are applying,
And upon his love relying,
God is every need supplying.
All, all is well.**

†POSTLUDE.....*Sonata in E Major*.....Domenico Scarlatti
Cara Lamb, pianist

† *Worshippers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. David McCaleb
by Shane, Neil, Margaret, and Andy Shehee.*

Liturgist: Owen Buhler

Ushers: Robin Jones, Mary Anne Selber, Dick Bush, Janet Smith

WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children elementary age and younger. Inside each bag a variety of worship aids can be found to help children participate fully in worship, including bookmarks, children's bulletins, crayons, pencils, and more! Worship Bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances of the sanctuary. Please return them at the end of the service. Children's Bibles are also available for children's use during worship.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Childcare is provided if needed. The Infant and Toddler nursery is found in CE 106 & 108. Children ages 3 years and younger may go to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. A comfort and cry room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, behind the gathering area, around the corner and down the hall from the elevators. The cry room is equipped with a speaker, so you will be able to hear the worship service while there.

WE APPRECIATE the Summer Men's Choir leading our singing from the choir loft for the last two Sundays in July. They will join with the Summer Women's Choir next Sunday morning, August 3, to provide music for worship. Rehearsal will be at 9:30 in the choir room, preceding worship. All are invited to join in!

WE WELCOME Cara Lamb as our guest musician today. Cara is the director of the Centenary Piano Preparatory Program at the Hurley School of Music. She has been a piano teacher in the Shreveport-Bossier area for over ten years. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Centenary College, and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

"Repairs are being made to the pastor chairs on the chancel over the next few weeks. They will be temporarily replaced by two other chairs until the repairs are completed." – Decorating Committee

PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Mary Ann Shaw, Joy Young, Jean Carroll, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres, Jean Mendenhall, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally, Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Chuck Asseff, Charlotte Sonnenfeld, Phillip Ponder, Gordon Blanchard, Shelby Guilbert, Rocky Laha

Please keep the pastor updated on those who are listed.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Cheryl Marshall and family, Patti Shelton and family, Zama Dexter, Dan and Robin Jones and family, family and friends of Bettye Leslie, Cindy and Les Morgan and family, Bill Sniffen and family, family of Marilyn Gallagher

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy; Reed Markham, U.S. Army; Evan Akers, U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy; Evan Richey, U.S. Navy; James Giddens, U.S. Army

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Lynace Pabst Veit.....Director of Children and Family Ministries
Dr. Hollice S. Watson.....Organist/Choir Director
Rev. Drew McFayden.....Stoer Pastoral Resident
Dakota Dunn.....Youth Director
Ginger Garfield.....Church Administrator
Kathy Booth.....Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney.....Communications Director
Jan Melton.....Church Librarian
Tanna McAteer.....Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard.....Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie.....Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator
Sheri Rowell.....Kitchen Coordinator
Jacob Dickson..... Pastoral Care Coordinator

SESSION MINISTRY MODERATORS:

Calvin Head.....Administration
Gene Hodgson.....Church Facilities
Simone Hennessee.....Stewardship
Karen Day.....Congregational Life
Anne Jenkins.....Welcome Ministry
Piper Moritz.....Adult Ministries
Brett McCulloch.....Youth Ministry
April Carberry.....Children's Ministries
Brandy Williams.....Worship Ministry
John Frierson, Jr.....Outreach Ministry
Robin Jones.....Clerk of Session

DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:

Mary Bush-Board of Deacons; Lorraine Guice-Presbyterian Women; Liz LaBorde-Stoer Committee

IN OUR OUTREACH CENTER:

Volunteers for Youth Justice/CASA - Kelli Todd, Director
Youth Outreach Services – Jewell House

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SECURITY OFFICERS:

Corp. Srederick Matthews 230-3628
Ofc. Troy Jackson 453-3908

WEEKLY LINK - WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Current Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, July 27

9:30 a.m. – Men's Choir Summer Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service - In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the
Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

12:00 p.m. - Drew's McFayden's Farewell Reception

MONDAY, July 28

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, July 29

WEDNESDAY, July 30

THURSDAY, July 31

FRIDAY, August 1

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

SUMMER OUTREACH
JULY 14-AUG 4

Back-to-School Donation Drive
FOR CRESWELL ELEMENTARY

Please visit the
teachers' online gift registry!

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12XZ2B2N66XD?ref=wl_share

We are seeking donations for school supplies to help the students at Creswell Elementary in our Highland neighborhood. Multiple teachers have given us some classroom requests and we created this online gift registry. Please purchase donation items on the Amazon list and they will be mailed directly to First Presbyterian. The items will be brought to the school.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Plan to join us at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the first Friday of the month 7:00-8:00am in the gym.

FRIDAY, AUG 1ST

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 30TH

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE: **Romans 7**

Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study

Adult Sunday School August 3 | 9:30am | Gym



Twin Blends Photography will be sharing historical THEN and NOW photos of the area around our church.

Adult Sunday School August 10 | 9:30am | Gym



Toni Goodwin, Director of the Bridge Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center will be speaking.

ADULT DAY TRIP
Aug 14th @ 10:00am

Demonstration at Lowder's Bakery
Lunch at Doc's Sandwich Shop | Cost \$10
COST \$10/PERSON • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

RSVP by Aug 11th
318-222-0604
Meet at the church!

We will take the church van but some may need to caravan in their own vehicles.

START UP SUNDAY
IS AUG 17TH!

It's time for us to start a new **SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!**
Meet at 9:30am in your classroom and after worship we will gather in the gym for a **POTLUCK LUNCH.**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE BY LAST NAME:
A-G Desserts, H-Q Salads or Sides, R-Z Main Dish
FPC will provide Raising Cane's Chicken

DROP OFF FOOD IN THE KITCHEN BEFORE WORSHIP

The University of First Presbyterian PRESENTS OUR 2025 SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

We invite all to attend our **3 SUMMER FILMS WITH MUSIC THEMES**

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00pm
IMMORTAL BELOVED

Wednesday, July 9 | 6:00pm
A STAR IS BORN (2018)

Sunday, August 17 | 4:00 pm
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

All 3 Films will be @
the Robinson Film Center
617 Texas Street | Shreveport

SPEAKER: JEFF HENDRICKS
Professor of American Literature
and Film Studies at
Centenary College
will provide a
brief introduction



COST \$10 includes ticket, popcorn & drink.
SEATING IS LIMITED! Contact First Presbyterian at 318.222.0604 for ticket information.
CALL TO RESERVE your seat(s) and pay at the door at the event.

AUGUST 2025 BOOK CLUB

Meet on Thursday, August 28th
12noon-1:00pm
at First Presbyterian Church
900 Jordan Street, Shreveport

Discussion Leader: Pam Peak
Our August Book Selection:
AN ENEMY IN THE VILLAGE
by author Martin Walker



THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB 2025

An Enemy in the Village, the very latest crime novel in the Bruno, Chief of Police series by Martin Walker, is our August book club selection. Walker was educated at Oxford University and went on to become an Editor in Chief Emeritus at UPI (United Press International) and an international correspondent. He is a renowned writer, and the Bruno, Chief of Police series is his most popular of creations. The series features one main protagonist character known as Benoit Courreges who was nicknamed Bruno by his friends and workmates. Bruno is a municipal policeman in a small French village popularized by café rituals and eating traditions. This latest novel should be spellbinding!

About Speaker Pam Peak: a University of Nebraska grad who then got an M.Ed. at Centenary College. Pam taught high school English for 42 years, retiring from Magnet High School. She is member of St. Mark's Cathedral, where she has led a Bible study called Reading Between the Lines for 32 years.

FPC YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS 2025

July 6-10, 2025
Mo Junior High Jubilee
for Middle School Youth

July 19-26, 2025
Montreat Conference
for Senior High Youth



Questions?
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