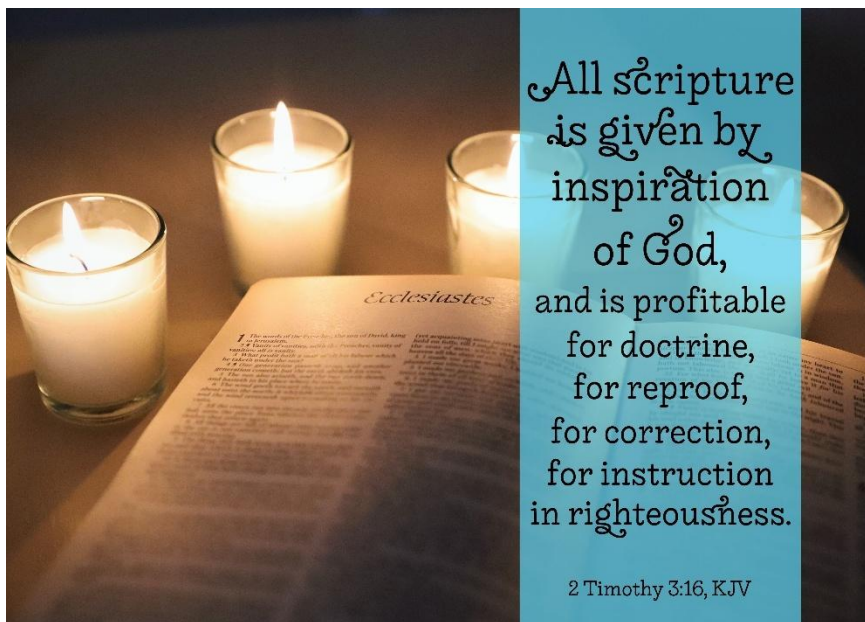


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 13, 2025



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BOLD TEXT – All participate

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Armstrong

PRELUDE

"Converse"

arr. Martha Mier

***SONG**

"The Heart of Worship"

Insert

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8)

All: Alleluia!

Right side; I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

Left Side: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love

and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name

and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength of soul.

Right side: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand,

and your right hand delivers me.

Left side: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship the Lord!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE- DEDICATION OF VBS

***SONG**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

"Draw Me Nearer"

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou has died.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you (Repeat)
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.
(Repeat from beginning)
Holy, Holy, Holy (3xs). I want to see you

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 12:1-2
Timothy 3:14-17

SERMON

"And the Lord said..."

Rev. Kathy Nealand

SUNG RESPONSE

“Holy Spirit Living Breath of God”

**Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.**

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*
Ashley Armstrong, Clarinet

J. Barnby

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

**Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

SENDING

***SONG**

“Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Improvisation on Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” Ivan Rouse