



7th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome Dr. Randy Kirby

* Call to Worship
 Praise the Lord!
 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
 Save us, O Lord our God,
 and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 from everlasting to everlasting.
**And let all the people say, "Amen."
 Praise the Lord!**

* Song *Open The Eyes of My Heart*
Paul Baloche

* Confession of Sin Dr. Barrie Kirby
Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality.
We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best.
Forgive us we pray.
Make us one in Christ.
Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response *Glory Be to the Father*
John Stafford

Proclamation of the Word

Baptism & Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon Dr. Randy Kirby

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the 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.

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Praise Team

I Surrender All

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter | Jason Lavik

* Doxology *New Doxology*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People
**"The body of Christ, given for you."
 "The blood of Christ, shed for you."**

Music during Communion
Communion
 Brad Avery | David Carr
You are invited to sing as Communion is served.

* Prayer after Communion

Sending to share the Word

* Song *How Great is Our God*
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

* Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in memory of their grandmothers, Della Moore Hill and Mary Russ McIntyre, by Frank and Cathy Adams.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Connie Bridgewater (Meredith Rowlan's mother), Sue Hayworth, Lynn Hales, Margie Shoaf (Jeff Shoaf's grandmother), Ebbie Whisenant

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Scott Hay, Charles Hoffman (Sharon Hoffman's brother), Steve Hunter, Tricia Johnson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Elizabeth Lewis Romska, John Smith, Sharon Whittington, Acey Worthy

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Eric Clark, Lisa Black, Dari Caldwell, Jack Heilig, Dillin Galloway, Andrew Mead, Bill Wagoner, Kathy Tart, Rip Collins, Grayson Smith

Anniversaries: Glenn and Nancy Phillips, David and Nadine Potts, Brian and Melody Lee, Ron and Katie Church

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

July 7	9:45	Unified Adult Sunday School, Unified K-5th Grades
	11:00	Worship - Lewis Hall
July 9	10:00	Staff
July 10	9:00	Yoga
	11:30	Summer Meals
	5:00	Grief Study Group
July 11	6:30	LCW Rehearsal
June 14	9:45	Unified Adult Sunday School, Unified K-5th Grades
	11:00	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:00	Tomato Day Lunch!

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MINISTRY FOCUS

DEEPLY ROOTED

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for children 4 and younger. Please see an usher for more information.

Communion - The living Christ encounters us in the ordinary elements of Communion. Christ extends the invitation to the Lord's Supper and is open to all - believers and doubters, young children and adults, members and non-members. To highlight this gracious welcome, only non-alcoholic juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available. If you would like to refrain from the feast, you may cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered. If you cannot come forward, a minister will serve you in your seat. If you feel so moved to respond, people often reply with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

Worship - This morning, we thank Dr. Barrie Kirby for joining us as our liturgist today.

Baptism - This morning, Zane and Katie Campen present their daughter, Ellianah Marie Campen, for baptism. Ellianah was born on January 5, 2023, and her grandparents are Mike and Adair Doran.

Worship Team - Unified Worship - Our summer worship schedule continues through July 28. Schedule: Lewis Hall: July 21; Sanctuary: July 14 and 28.

Grow in Faith - Unified Sunday School will be offered at 9:45, and adults will participate in the Revolving Reverends series in the Fellowship Hall. A unified activity for children grades K-5 will also be offered at 9:45 in Classroom 206.

Grow in Faith - Children's Sunday School Teachers - Summer planning is in full effect for the fall, and we are looking for volunteers to lead our children in preschool, elementary, and preteen classes. If you have a heart for teaching, please let Amanda Hathcock know of your interest to be added to the schedule.

Tomato Day - The Gather Team invites you to join us for Tomato Day, a tomato sandwich luncheon following worship on Sunday, July 14, in Lewis Hall. We look forward to celebrating summer and fellowshiping with our congregation!

Music - Mark your calendars for the inaugural event of our "3rd Fridays at First Pres Concert Series" on July 19 at 7:00 PM. We are honored to present a captivating piano solo recital by Russian pianist Elena Lyalina. Prepare to be captivated by her extraordinary skills as she transports us to a world of musical enchantment. Best of all, the concert is free for all to attend! We guarantee that this evening will leave you absolutely delighted. Stay tuned for more information, as we will be sharing further details soon.

Retreat - Did you miss your chance to join us on retreat at Camp Caraway, August 23-25? See Gwynne Shoaf or Amanda Hathcock to sign up last minute- there is room for you!

CORE

Volunteers - Nursery - we are looking for a few members who would like to join the schedule as a volunteer for our nursery. If you would be willing to guide our littlest saints on Sunday morning, please let Amanda Hathcock know: Phone: 704-636-1321 or email: ahathcock@firstpressalisbury.org.

BRANCHING OUT

Showing Up - Backpacks for Overton Students in Need! We will dedicate all backpacks on August 4, so please consider purchasing a child's backpack or two now. Add \$10 in cash to the front pocket for school supplies and drop them off at the church office.

Legacy 200 - What has been most meaningful to you in your time at First Presbyterian? Baptisms? Weddings? Funerals? Friendships? Worship? Legacy 200 is an endowment of First Presbyterian Church whose main goal is to ensure these kinds of potent and transformational memories will continue to be made possible for generations to come. What financial legacy might you leave to help us achieve this goal? On Sunday, July 28, come to a free luncheon in Lewis Hall after worship to hear more about what God is up to in our end-of-life giving. RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 23.

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

July 7, 2024 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Friendships Across Differences

Hands-On Local Mission
Embracing the Unchurched

