

GATHERING

PRELUDE“Prelude on Hyfrydol”arr. Sikes

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING INTENTIONReverend Leigh Anne Armstrong

+CALL TO WORSHIPLiturgist

Lord Jesus, the world can feel so heavy and move so fast.
**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.**
Lord Jesus, teach us your way of rest and burden-sharing.
**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.**
Lord Jesus, walk beside us, that our shared burden might be light.
**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

+HYMN #182“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
KINGSFOLD
CALL TO CONFESSIONRev. Armstrong

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONRev. Armstrong

**Faithful One,
despite our best efforts,
we have not lived up to what we can do
or who we can be.
Even when our intentions are good,
our actions cause harm.
Even when we want to follow you more closely,
we end up turning away.
We are at war with ourselves,
and only you can bring peace.
Still our souls, order our steps,
guide our feet back to your way.**

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDONRev. Armstrong

The ancient words still bring truth today:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Praise be to God for this abounding love!

+RESPONSE #581GLORIA 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Liturgist

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONRev. Armstrong

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING
Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Pew Bible pg. 16
Rev. Armstrong

ANTHEM“Break Every Chain”Jake Taylor, Bass

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
Pew Bible pg. 11
Liturgist

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON“Healing and Held”Rev. Armstrong

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles’ 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
arose 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 #183“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”AUSTIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATIONRev. Armstrong

SENDING

+HYMN #835“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”CLOSER WALK

+BENEDICTIONRev. Armstrong

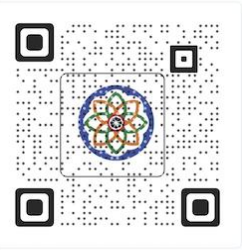
+POSTLUDE“Postlude on Madrid”arr. Sikes

+Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God’s service in the world.

Rev. Leigh Anne Armstrong currently serves First Eufaula as our Stated Supply Pastor. She is available Sunday and Wednesday here at the church and can be reached at 334.687.2523 or via email at revlaarmstrong@gmail.com.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see the minister or one of our Elders. So that we have a record of your attendance today, please open your camera app on your mobile phone, place the QR code in the frame, tap on the weblink when it appears on the screen. This will take you to a visitor’s information card to complete from your device. Thank you and again, welcome.

First Presbyterian Church will host a luncheon in honor of Hailey Beard’s service to our music ministry and also her Master’s Commencement from the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University, immediately following the service of worship on July 26th. All are welcome.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) dinner at 5:15pm with Bible Study following. We continue to study hymns and their biblical connections, led by Rev. Armstong.

Our Giving Fence needs items. We are accepting gently used or new clothing, household, and personal items like toiletries, diapers, etc. for donation to our Giving Fence Mission.

The Can Cross Mission Project has been placed by the church office and is ready for a refill. Please bring non-perishable food for people with food insecurities in our community. Do not donate food that has expired or nearing expiration date. Specific requests are canned fruit, canned soup, breakfast bars, peanut butter and individual bowls of cereal and oatmeal.

Wednesday Noon Prayer Service meets in the front of the sanctuary at 12:00 PM. Please enter through the side entrance.

Glory to God Large Print Hymnals are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

Cares & Concerns: Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstatt, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Linda Creel, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Don Wood, Andrew Peak, Carolyn Cousar, Joel Miller, Reb Bludsworth, Carla Collins, Laura Taylor, Roger Coates, the family of Ann Cororan, the family of Jim Brazeal, Bill Barrett’s brother-in-law. Please remember our church and the **Pastor Nominating Committee**, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00.
Worshippers at Home: Pegge Abraham, Betty Cain, **Military Members:** Nicole Barrett, Sydney and Garreth Moreno; and our **College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell, Isabella Peak, Anna Peak.

Special thanks to Cathy Childree and Arnie Cutchen from the Hospitality Team who provided leadership for our great July 4th celebration last Wednesday. Everyone brought wonderful dishes to share along with Arnie’s grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.

ONGOING EVENTS

Sunday
10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship with Reverend Armstrong

Monday - Thursday
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM Church Office Open

Tuesday
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM The Giving Fence

Wednesday
12:00 PM Noon prayer
5:15 PM WOW dinner with Bible Study following

Thursday
4:00 PM – PNC meeting (alternating weeks)



UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 26th
12:00 PM Church Wide Hailey Beard Appreciation Luncheon after worship

SESSION		
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
Callie Strickland	Arnie Cutchen	Diana Brooks
Doug Winkleblack	Ginny Hornsby	Wayne Fiquett
Teresa Barrett	Emily Parrish	Steve Hawkins

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6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5th, 2026