

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Reflections on Crusaders' Hymn” arr. Sikes

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING INTENTION Reverend Leigh Anne Armstrong

+CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist
O give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s wonderful name!
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord’s strength! Seek the Lord’s presence!
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Remember the wonderful works God has done!
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

+HYMN #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Armstrong

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Armstrong
God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Armstrong
Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

+RESPONSE #581 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Liturgist

THE WORD
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Liturgist

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 29: 15-28
Pew Bible pg. 26 Liturgist

ANTHEM “How Great Thou Art”
Hailey Beard, Soprano

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
Pew Bible pg. 14 Rev. Armstrong

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A Little Seed, A Little Sourdough”
Rev. Armstrong

RESPONDING TO THE WORD
+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERTORY / Cents Ability

+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 DEDICATION Rev. Armstrong

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy. Holy. Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OVER COMMUNION
...and now, with the confidence of the children of God. Let us pray:
Our father...

The Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

+ HYMN #519 “You Are My Strength When I am Weak”
JERNIGAN

Sending Prayer for Hailey Beard Rev. Armstrong

+BENEDICTION Rev. Armstrong

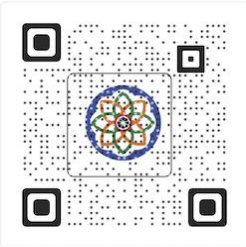
+POSTLUDE “You Are My All in All” Dennis Jernigan

+ 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.

Assisting in Worship today are Liturgist Emily Parrish, Sound Technician, Arnie Cutchen, Live Stream Technicians, Shelle Cooper & Marta Hoover.

Liturgy elements this week from The Presbyterian Outlook by Matthew A. Rich, and Fellowship Hall Words for Worship by Leigh Anne Armstrong.

Today, 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. 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 Umstattd, 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, Laura Taylor, Roger Coates. 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, Marian McWaters, **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, Katherine Mitchell.

ONGOING EVENTS

Sunday
10:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM - Worship with Reverend Armstrong
Luncheon following service in honor of Hailey Beard

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, August 30th
Annual Summer Hymn Sing Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP MONTHLY UPDATE

	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Giving	\$69,070	\$41,031
Spending	\$69,624	\$66,980
Net YTD		-\$25,949

	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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9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th, 2026

