

# First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

August 24, 2025

Prelude I *Be Thou My Vision* – arr. Gerald Anderson

Prelude II *God of Wonders* – Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Bridget Mitchell  
Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship Bridget Mitchell

One: People of God, we gather to worship the One who holds all time in His hands, guiding us through every season.

**Many: We praise You, Lord, for Your steadfast love that never falters, no matter what lies ahead.**

One: Let us be awake and ready, our hearts burning with hope for the coming of our King.

**Many: We lift our eyes to You, eager to meet You with joy and faithfulness.**

One: God entrusts us with gifts to use boldly—may we honor Him by serving with courage and love.

**Many: We commit to living fully for Your glory, sharing Your grace in all we do.**

One: Come, let us worship our faithful and sovereign Lord!

**All: Amen! We adore You, God of hope and promise.**

\*Opening Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Video – Love Better

Call to Confession Anita Ramsey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not always been vigilant in our faith, allowing worries and distractions to dim our hope. We have buried the gifts You entrusted to us, out of fear or laziness, failing to serve Your kingdom with boldness and love. Forgive us for the times we have been unwise stewards, unprepared for Your call and unfaithful in our actions. In Your grace, cleanse our hearts and restore us. We now turn to You in silent confession...**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Doxology *Doxology* – arr. David Crowder  
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Prayer for Illumination Anita Ramsey

Scripture — Isaiah 40:27-31 (NIV)

Anthem *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* – arr. Albert Zabel  
Summer Handbell Quartet: Jennifer Towe, Bea Towe, Todd Ramsey, Anita Ramsey

Time with our Children Anita Ramsey

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson  
Can You Keep Watch Without Growing Weary?

Scripture — Matthew 24:36,42,44; 25:1-13 (NIV)

Hymn of Affirmation *All Creatures of Our God & King* – arr. Zabel  
Summer Handbell Quartet

Call to Offering Anita Ramsey

Offertory *You Are My Hiding Place* – Michael Lerner, arr. Grace Reid  
Jan Peterson, Piano

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson  
The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn *Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)* – Brown, Doerksen  
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\*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* – arr. Gerald Anderson

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

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See our complete Church Calendar at [fpcmesa.org/calendar](http://fpcmesa.org/calendar).

Our service is being livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcmesa7064/streams>.

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Music Survey: Help Bridget get to know what musical talents you have  
Use the QR code below!



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