

# First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

June 22, 2025

Prelude I *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings* – arr. Joel Raney

Prelude II *Open Up the Heavens* – Jason Ingram  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Dan Reeves  
Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship Brooks Newbry

One: In Jesus Christ, God has removed our sins from us and given us a new name.

**Many: Now we are called Forgiven.**

One: In Jesus Christ, God has assured us that he could never forget us.

**Many: Now we rejoice that we are called Remembered.**

One: In Jesus Christ, God has changed our perspective that we are enemies of God and grace.

**Many: Now we are called Friends.**

One: In Jesus Christ God has written us new birth certificates.

**Many: And now our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: Let us worship our God who delights in us and rejoices over us and has given us a new name in Jesus Christ our Lord. Now we are called Christians.

\*Opening Hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

Call to Confession Brooks Newbry

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Abiding One, we keep you at a distance. We defy your bidding. We make it harder for people to know you.**

**Forgive us, Saving One, we deny our weakness. We wallow in our weakness. We take advantage of the weakness of others.**

**Forgive us, Holy One, we refuse your counsel. We waste your gifts. We withhold your compassion from others.**

**Break through. Break through our hardened views, lest the evil one win the day. Break through our gravelly hearts, lest we have no root and wither to nothing. Break through our thorny ways, lest our agendas and fears choke the promise of your word and smother a harvest worthy of your Name.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Doxology – Stephen Schwartz/Matthias Claudius, transl. Jane Campbell  
*All Good Gifts, from “Godspell”*

Prayer for Illumination

Brooks Newbry

Scripture — Isaiah 55:10-11 (NRSVUE)

Anthem

*I Believe*  
One Voice

– Ervin Drake

Time with our Children

Anita Ramsey

Video

Sermon

Are Our Hearts Fertile for God's Word?

Rev. Christian Johnson

Scripture — Matthew 13:1-23 (NIV)

Hymn of Affirmation

*Beautiful Things*  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

– Michael & Lisa Gungor

Call to Offering

Brooks Newbry

Offertory

*Start a Fire*  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

– Mattson, Lowry, Mosley

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Christian Johnson

\*Closing Hymn

*Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble*  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

– Martin Smith

\*Benediction

Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude

*Thy Word*

– Michael W. Smith, John Carter

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

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