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# First Presbyterian Church

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Ten Forty-Five



*"O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

(Psalm 106:1)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Introit **"He is the Light"**

Welcome

\*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

*please sign the friendship register found in your pew*

\*Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

All of the time,

**God is good!**

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Come, let us give God our worship and praise.

Let us pray:<sup>1</sup>

**Good and gracious God, it is a privilege to worship you this day in this community of saints. May our praise be joyful, may our hearts be turned toward you, and may our souls be quenched with the waters of your Word. We give you all glory and praise and gratitude this day and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1. *The whole world*
2. *The Bible School*
3. *The boys and the girls.*
4. *The teachers and helpers.*
5. *First Presbyterian Church*

Call to Confession<sup>1</sup>

Friends, if we say we have no sin, we are lying to ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, Jesus promises to forgive us, cleanse us, and remember our sins no more. With humility and integrity, let us approach the throne of grace together.

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, you are always right, and good, and loving. We are not always right, and good, and loving. Hear us now as we say that we are sorry. Forgive our selfishness and our wrongs. Lord, we want to be as good and kind and loving as you are. Please help us be that way. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon<sup>1</sup>

Friends, hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; our old lives are gone and our new lives have already begun. Know that we are all forgiven and be at peace.

**Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Vacation Bible School Program

Day 1 *When life is unfair...God is good!*

Bible Story: Exodus 1:5;6 Key Verse: Nahum 1:7

Song: I'm Trusting You

Day 2 *When life is scary...God is good!*

Bible Story: Exodus 7:14-12:32 Key Verse: Psalm 23:4

Day 3 *When life changes...God is good!*

Bible Story: Exodus 14-17 Key Verse: Psalm 106:1

Song: I Will Not Be Afraid

Day 4 *When life is sad...God is good!*

Bible Story: John 16-21 Key Verse: Psalm 34:18

Song: Good In Every Way

Day 5 *When life is good...God is good!*

Bible Story: Joshua 3-4 Key Verse: Nehemiah 4:14

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Love

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith (In unison) (John 3:16-17)

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.**

**Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

\*Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" *African-American Spiritual*

1. I've got peace like a river. . . in - a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain. . . . in - a my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean. . .in - a my soul.

## Litany of the People<sup>2</sup>

God, you are so good. You are the strongest and the smartest of all. You have made everything, and You created life, and you have created everyone.

**Thank you, God, for life and love, and all that is.**

Good God, sometimes, life seems to be unfair. Some are rich while others are poor; some are strong while others are weak; it is hard to remember the good you have given to us when we see that other people have something good that we don't have.

**God, we know you are good. Help us to remember that you give each of us the things that we need, so that we can do the things you want and need us to do.**

Awesome God, there are things in this world that are painful and wrong. We get scared for ourselves and others. We are afraid of many things, like sickness & mistakes, injury & death. Help us to remember that your love is stronger than any evil that comes our way.

**God, we know you are good. We give to you all of the pain in this world and anything (& everything) that scares us. Help us to have faith that You are present in our lives, and may we experience Your loving peace always. Help us to remember that you have already won the victory over all the brokenness and pain in this world.**

Amazing God, it is said that the only thing that doesn't change is the fact that things change. And things appear to be changing faster and faster every day. God, living through that change can be sad and scary.

**God, we know you are good. We know you are all wise and all knowing. Help us to remember that your All Wise and All Knowing self is ALWAYS with us, and THAT never changes!**

Merciful God, this world is broken and sinful, but it also has some beautiful and wonderful things and people. When we lose even one of those beautiful and wonderful things, it makes us sad; sometimes we feel so sad that we don't think that we can go on. Help us to see Your beauty and grace in the things and people all around us.

**God, when sadness invades our being, it seems as if nothing will ever get better. But, our experience of You in our lives helps us to KNOW that is NOT true, even though it doesn't seem that way. Help us to remember that the Joy of the Lord is our Strength.**

Wonderful God, no matter what comes, You are Good. Your wisdom, love and compassion is unending. Please help us to remember that, even when we cannot feel your presence, you are still with us.

**Everlasting God, help us to remember, Lord, that your goodness is in people everywhere, because all people are made in Your image. Help us to remember that Your Powerful, Loving Presence is with us always, and that You bring us hope, love, joy, and peace. AMEN**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication<sup>1</sup>

**Giver of all things, accept these gifts that we return to you, and use them to better your kingdom on earth. Enable us to see your gifts in each other and ourselves that we may share your gifts with the world. In the name of Christ, your greatest gift, we pray, Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn "Kum ba Yah" *African-American Spiritual*

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!  
O Lord, Kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah!
3. Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah!
4. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Charge and Benediction<sup>1</sup>

And, now may you go from this place in peace,  
**knowing you are all new creations in Christ.**

May you go from this place in joy,  
**knowing you are all free to serve the kingdom of God  
and not the conformities of the world.**

May you go from this place in love,  
**reminded that nothing you have done or will ever do  
will ever separate you from the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Go out and serve God's people with energy and imagination and love!  
**Amen.**

\*Response

\*Organ Postlude

1. These parts of the liturgy were downloaded and adapted from  
[https://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/youthministry/pdf/youth-sunday.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/youthministry/pdf/youth-sunday.pdf)

2. Litany written by Rev. Charla Waters Koerner.

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# CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Jason Burnett, Jo Eckert, Lance Kuhens

GREETER: Karen Tyson, Beckie Alvaro



“3 Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him.  
4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are  
children born in one’s youth.  
5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame when they contend  
with their opponents in court.

Psalm 127: 3-5

**NURTURING FAITH** - In the Sacrament of Baptism, a congregation makes promises to the child or individual. This is a lifelong commitment, a vow to God, to be there for that child. In what ways can you make a difference in the life of a child in your church? Today? Tomorrow? Into the future?

- We have openings for the reredos flowers, if you would like to order and dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone please contact the church office.

We are collecting items for the Mustard Seed for July and August.

- Mac and cheese
- spaghetti noodles and sauce
- peanut butter and jelly
- apple sauce
- cereal
- Canned goods



## FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Beckley Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, White Sulphur Springs

### SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham;  
Dottie Burkhammer

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:** Bailey, Dr. J.D. Jr., Philip, Taylor; Lafferty, Nanette, Bill, Madison and Landen; Langley, Earl and Kathy; Nuzum, David, Sandi, Casey, Courtney, and Jared; Owens, Isabella and Avery; Sherlock, Lynn; Strange, Jeff, Amy, Megan, Matthew; Wetzel, Jennifer; Davis, Dr. Robert and Anne; Eckert, Josephine; Merriott, Ellen and Edna; Lynch, Jeanne and Jerry; Wilson, Helen; Devono, Kay and Frank

### FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	BURKHAMMER, Dottie	COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy	FOWLER, Angie	HARDMAN, Derek
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice	HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie
KUHENS, Eric	LINTON, Doug	NARDONE, Nickolas
OLDAKER, Kenneth	OLDAKER, Wilma	ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister)
PACK, Amy	ROGERS, Joey	SHIFFRA, Everett
SIMMONS, Melanie	SMITH, Bonnie	SMITH, Donna
WETZEL, Jennifer	MICHOME, John	PRESTON, Delores
MICK, Jillian	MUMMERT, Linda & George	

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Communication Meeting after church  
Bible School Program

### Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

No Prayer Group

### Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 6:30

### Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

AA Group 12:00