

Service for the Lord's Day

July 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 40

L: I waited patiently upon you, O LORD; you inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: **You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; you set my feet upon a solid rock and made my footing sure.**

L: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

P: **Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you.**

L: You are the LORD; let your love and your faithfulness keep us safe forever,

P: **Hallelujah! Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Shout to the Lord”

Darlene Zschech, Psalm 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root. O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away. O Lord, save us from a frail faith that allows the troubles and challenges of our life to shake our trust in you. Lord, in your abundant mercy, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those around us. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Rain Down"

arr. John Carter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 16: 33

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Acts 8: 1-3

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Persecuted Church"

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

HYMN OF PREPARATION #501

"Feed us, Lord"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray...

Being Sent into the World

HYMN #700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshiping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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