

Sundays

Nursery Care 10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship following service

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Welcome to FPC!

Our prayer is that all will be blessed by the Word read and proclaimed as we are bound together by the Spirit as a community of faith. Children are invited to participate in our worship and welcome as loved, squirmy, laughing, crying children of God. We have busy bags for younger children and binders for young readers to help them in their journey, and a staffed nursery is available for children under 5.

✦ *Please rise, in body or spirit.*

Bold lines are spoken or sung by ***All***. *Non-bold lines* are spoken or sung by one.

Please be seated by a Gathered Community Pad and sign in so that we may have a record of your time with us.



We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.

June 29, 2025
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Serenade, Op 29

Chaminade

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

This is the day that God has made. | **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

✦ Gathering Hymn 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

✦ Call to Confession

Surrounded as we are by our desires, we sometimes miss the opportunities for simplicity that are open to us. When Elisha succeeded Elijah as prophet over Israel, he asked only for a gift of the Holy Spirit. Come, confess those times our wants outstripped our wisdom.

✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

Gracious and most merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed, both in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have neglected your gift of prophecy and settled for platitudes. We have avoided your calls, and we have not tried to use your Spirit to transform the world. Work within us to change our ways, so that we might share our gifts of justice, mercy, and faith throughout our world.

✦ Time of Individual Confession

✦ Words of Assurance

The gift of the Holy Spirit did not end with Elisha, or with Jesus, or the first disciples. The Holy Spirit is with us still, and blesses us again with spiritual gifts. Forgiven by God through Christ, go and use them. **Amen.**

✦ Confessional Response 586

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu—ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu—ia.

✦ The Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. | **And also with you.**

(The people may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.)

Today's Anthem:

"A Simple Song" from
Leonard Bernstein's Mass
echoes the heartfelt yearning
and divine searching found in
Psalm 77 and 2 Kings 2,
where voices call out to God
in both simplicity and sorrow,
trusting in His guiding
presence through change and
mystery.

Sing God a simple song:
Lauda, Laude*
Make it up as you go along:
Lauda, Laude
Sing like you like to sing.
God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of
all,
For God is the simplest of
all.

I will sing the Lord a new
song
To praise Him, to bless
Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I
live
All of my days.

Blessed is the man who
loves the Lord,
Blessed is the man who
praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē
And walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes
To the hills from whence
comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the
Lord
Singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade,
Is the shade upon my right
hand,

Sung Prayer for Illumination (Tune: 653)

*We sing before the reading of scripture and while the children come forward
after the reading.*

**Now hear all you who seek the Word and gath-er close to hand.
Come lis-ten now for sav-ing grace and pray to un-der-stand.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 77:1-2; 11-20

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I will cry aloud to God; **I cry aloud to the One who will hear me.**
In the day of my trouble I sought after God; my hands were stretched out
by night and did not tire; **I refused to be comforted.**
I will remember the works of God
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
I will meditate on all your acts **and ponder your mighty deeds.**
Your way, O God, is holy; **who is so great a god as our God?**
You are the God who works wonders
and have declared your power among the peoples.
By your strength you have redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;
the very depths were shaken.
The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed to and fro;
The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; **the earth trembled and shook.**
Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
yet your footsteps were not seen.
You led your people like a flock **by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Congregational Sung Response

*All children, if they are so moved, are invited to gather on the steps as we all
sing our prayer of illumination again.*

Children's Time

The Second Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 308

Response

The words of the prophets for the people of God. | **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 325

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Message

"Inheritors of the Spirit"

Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Preparation for Prayer 653 v2 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries
We will sing again after the Silent Prayer*

**If you have ev-er wan-dered where no hu-man help was near,
And in your trou-ble cried to God, who res-cued you from fear,
Then thank the God of stead-fast love who dries your ev-ery tear.**

And the sun shall not smite
me by day
Nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who
loves the Lord,
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,
And walks in His ways.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,
Lauda, Lauda di da di day.
All of my days.

*Lauda, laude = praiseworthy
praise



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Prayer of illumination by Nathan Willard

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

*During the prayers of the people, please respond to the words “God in
your mercy” with “**Hear our prayer.**”*

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**

Moment for Mission

*In our Moment for Mission, we shine a light on a ministry supported by
First Presbyterian Church, and how our commitment of Time, Talent and
Treasure affects the world around us. Boxes for tithes and offerings are
at the back of the sanctuary, and we invite you to give to the mission of
the church on your way in or out of the church.*

✦Doxology 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low;
Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen.**

Commissioning

✦Sending Hymn 373

O Day of Peace

✦Charge and Blessing

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Griffin

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: Amy Cerniglia, Heather Youngquist, Bob Youngquist (piano)
Liturgist: Rhonda Barr
Ushers: Voss Family
Elder: Nancy Gardner
Fellowship: Deacons

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 29

No CE Offerings
10:15am Nursery Open
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship time
7pm JJI, Zoom

Tuesday, July 1

7pm B&G, Zoom

Wednesday, July 2

10:30am Staff Meeting

Green Team Trunk Sale last Saturday raised \$240 to be donated to CommUnity Food Bank



CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank is a volunteer-driven organization that provides immediate and non-judgmental support for individuals facing emotional, food or financial crisis.

The Food Bank at Pepperwood Plaza provides produce, bakery, deli, dairy, health, baby, hygiene and non-perishable items. Residents of Johnson County can receive grocery assistance once per week. Clients may choose their own items with some limits based on family size. Pre-made bags are available for individuals who prefer not to shop.

You may leave donated item in Ryerson Hall; financial donations should not be left there, please see Tammy Schroeder.

For inquiries about volunteering at the food bank, please email caleb.borden@builtbycommunity.org

For Food Bank General Information, please email krystal.kabela@builtbycommunity.org

To learn more about CommUnity Crisis Services go to <https://builtbycommunity.org>

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