



Worship of Almighty God

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 5, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We welcome you into this occasion for worship and celebration, as God meets us here. As you have any questions or ideas to share, please do.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

How do you feel knowing that your background is not a barrier for God?

How might you be emboldened in prayer knowing that you're welcomed by Him?

Dear Jesus, thank You for bringing me into Your family. May Your joy, peace, and hope abound in me and all who call upon Your name.

PRELUDE

"America"

arr. Aaronson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 56

Leader: The Word of the Lord, through the prophet Isaiah: "Maintain justice and do what is right.

**All: "Soon My salvation will come.
 Soon My deliverance will be revealed."**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**All: "Those who keep the sabbath, those who choose the things that
 please Me,
 those who hold fast to My covenant,
 I will give them an everlasting name."**

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 12

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Worship Leader*)

***PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Silently)*

Gracious Lord, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have fallen short of this high calling.

When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, we fail to look for Jesus in our souls. We falter and fail. When church routines become the center of our world, we fail to see beyond these walls. We falter and fail.

We proclaim “one nation under God,” yet we often slide You off to the side. Yes, as individuals and as Your people, we falter and fail.

Lord, we confess the sins of our nation, of ourselves, and of the entire human community. Grant us true freedom; grant us Your peace....

(We provide a silent moment for individual confessions.)

***KYRIE**

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Worship Leader and In Unison)*

Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are fully forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Loving and Sovereign God, the ultimate source of all light, freedom, and truth, as we celebrate our nation's Independence Weekend, gather us anew in the unity of Your Divine Spirit.

We ask You to brighten our minds and lighten our hearts. Your Holy Word can dispel the shadows of division, prejudice, and misunderstanding. Let this happen now, as You shine Your radiant light on our path forward.

We ask this, through Jesus Christ, the only true Lord. Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING

Psalm 16:5-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Look Up, Child”
Alexis Musgrove, soprano

Daigle

SECOND BIBLE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

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SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Set Free, for Freedom’s Sake”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. according to the promise.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Through the Holy Spirit, we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. The entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace; patience, kindness, goodness; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal, “The Lord knows those who are claimed by God.” To God and to the Lamb, be praise and glory and thanksgiving for all ages. Amen.

***HYMN**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

No. 338

PRAYERS FOR EACH OTHER, THE NATION, AND GOD’S WORLD

CHRIST’S PRESENCE IS SHOWN IN THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF “GREAT THANKSGIVING”

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: ...who forever praise the glory of Jesus' name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE BREAD IS BROKEN; THE CUP IS POURED

Leader: ...because of the empowering love of our Lord, we can feast together.

**All: We, many as we are, are one body because there is one loaf.
Jesus truly is the Bread sent down from heaven.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion in the Presbyterian denomination is open to all who wish to place their personal trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of membership status or age.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Hymn Medley”

Hartsell

THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God, keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory,
when we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm.
Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen!**

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Please note your presence and provide contact information in the
“Ritual of Friendship” booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "America the Beautiful" arr. Aaronson

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, receive these gifts and offerings from the souls who have given them. Just as our national forebears made their commitments and relied on the "protection of Divine providence," may we as citizens of Your eternal realm offer our very selves to You. May the City on the Hill be built as we serve Jesus Christ and as we pledge to You "our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Amen.

***HYMN** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" No. 8

GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

***A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Greeting: *The peace of Christ be with you...*

Response: ...and also with you.

***POSTLUDE** "The Star-Spangled Banner" arr. Aaronson
Alexis Mugrove, soprano

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Cindy Athya**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, toothpaste, and Kleenex** for the month of **July**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

CORTLAND FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on **Monday, July 13, at 11:00 a.m.** in Otterbein of Cortland Chapel (Lake Vista). Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend and if you will be having lunch.

FPC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TODAY.

VACATION: Kathie will be on vacation **through July 12**. The Church Office will be open **Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY? That's right. The Church Life Team along with Deacons will be celebrating Christmas in July with a toy collection for Warren Family Mission during the month of July. Please bring in new, unwrapped toys to help stock the Christmas Toy Room at WFM for Christmas 2026. Look for the Christmas Tree and place your donation in the WFM barrel in Fellowship Hall.

ADULT VBS: We all know about the PARABLES, but this summer we'll be diving deeper into their meaning in our very first ADULT VACATION BIBLE STUDY. Join us on **Wednesday evenings: July 8 and 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Bring a sack supper and enjoy an evening of videos, music, creativity, and discussions centered on four popular parables. Dessert will be provided before we close each evening. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY: From **Sunday, July 12, through Saturday, July 18**, I will be in Charlotte, NC at Union Presbyterian Seminary. During this time, I will be assisting with their VBS "Art in the Bible" program, earning three credit hours, and working on my teaching skills directly with my professors. This is an exciting time for me, and I can't wait to return and share all I have learned with you. You can look forward to a multigenerational weekend VBS in September utilizing some of the topics from this week. Please pray for my safe travels and for my husband and boys who will be managing without me. Thank you for your continued support in continuing my education. Blessings, Marissa

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Members of FPC are invited to a congregational business meeting near the end of the morning worship **NEXT Sunday, July 12**.

1. We will review and act on a set of proposed updates to our bylaws.
tinyurl.com/2026BylawsProposedFPCW.

2. We will elect ordained officers for new three-year terms. The nominees so far:

Deacons: **Julie Trowbridge; Ray Rubrake; Jelani Lampley; George Egner**

Elders: **Tom Torrence Jr.; Thomas Torrence III; Sue Dennis; Alexis Musgrove**

3. We will choose three or four people to become part of next year's Officer Nominating Committee. (The Board of Deacons will add one more, and the Session will add two.)

FPC'S ANNUAL PICNIC will be **Saturday, August 1**, at Marty and Susan Nadenichek's home. Church Life will provide chicken, and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or email info@fpcwarren.org if you plan to attend.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, July 5	- Communion/2 Cents a Meal - Worship.....	10:00 am
Mon, July 6	- OA, P - Girl Scouts, B..... - AA, MC	10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Tues, July 7	- Al-Anon, MC - NA, MC	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Wed, July 8	- Someplace Safe, B - Adult VBS, FH - NAMI, P..... - AA, MC	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm
Thurs, July 9	- Care Share Circle	7:00 pm
Fri, July 10	- Church Office Closed	
Sat, July 11	- AA, MC - Concert Parking	11:00 am 4:30 pm
Sun, July 12	- Worship - Congregational Meeting	10:00 am 11:15 am

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