



Sunday Morning Worship

Celebrating Christ's Love and Lordship

August 9, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! In Jesus Christ, the Church in all its forms is called to give glory to God, praising the Lord and devoting ourselves to God's activity in the world. Gathered worship is a collective activity in which the people of God demonstrate our shared life and faith and ministry.

If you are new or relatively new to First Presbyterian, a special welcome to you! Our ushers and greeters will have a welcome gift for you, if you request it. As you have questions about our ministries within Sunday worship or beyond this weekly event, the pastor and Elders would happily meet with you. May the Lord offer encouragement and blessings for you, because you have chosen to be here today.

Please note your presence and provide contact information in the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then, return it to the first person in your row.

God's People Gather to Worship

INVITATION TO WORSHIP, MEDITATION, PRAYER

from Psalm 1

Ponder this, in light of Psalm 1, which will be read today, and determine one or two implications for your daily life:

Delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.

**Those who do are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season. Their leaves do not wither.**

In all that they do, they prosper.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

based on Psalm 1

Leader: Scripture promises us that God's ways are full of justice and mercy.

All: Happy and blest are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

Leader: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

All: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

Leader: All who live according to the mandates of the Lord will prosper.

All: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Asterisks indicate when those who are comfortable standing can rise.*

***OPENING HYMN** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

No. 41

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Individually)*

Dearest Jesus, You invite us to live lives of holiness, but we miss the mark. You empower us to live lives of righteousness, but we refuse Your help and guidance.

Much too often, we choose the bitter options of anger or hatred or selfishness. Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship. We offer “lip service” to our faith, and we limit our reliance on Your grace.

Embolden us by The Holy Spirit to repent of our sin. Through the gracious mercy of Jesus Christ, redeem us, so that we are no longer defined by brokenness and guilt....

(A quiet moment for individual prayers and confessions)

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader and In Unison)* based on Isaiah 43

One: 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)*

**God of mercy, Your faithfulness to Your covenant
frees us to live together in the security of Your powerful love.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak Your eternal Word that does not change;
then, may we respond to Your gracious promises by living in
faith and obedience; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SUMMER PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 1: 1-6

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Colossians 1: 15-28

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SUNDAY MESSAGE

“The Two Ways: Implications of God-Centered Life”

God’s People Respond to the Word

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

***HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
Verses 1-4

No. 213

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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, the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We pray, O God, right now, for our churches. Not only this one here, but all
assemblies everywhere. We ask that our people would be filled with all
spiritual wisdom and understanding. Oh God, help each congregation to know
Your will. Give us clarity in our charity.
We dedicate this church and its people back to You, so that we can walk in a
manner worthy of our high calling. May these gifts - and these givers - reflect
the gospel of love and truth, the Good News by which we have been saved.
Amen.

***HYMN**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

No. 757

God's People Go Forth to Worship and Serve

*A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mutual Blessing: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Mutual Response: **And also with you.**

*POSTLUDE

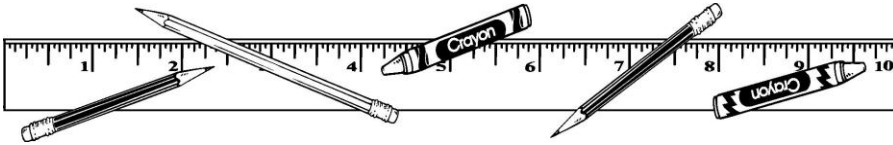


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WELCOME BACK, Marty Young, our guest organist today. Thank you for returning and sharing your talent with us.

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

RIVER ROCK AT THE AMP: The concerts will continue through **Saturday, September 5**. We need people in two shifts (4:30 to 7:00 and 7:00 to 9:45) to collect money and assist people attending the Amp events. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL 2026-27: Let's continue our efforts to help our community children, many of whom will lack the basic supplies needed for school. Don't forget **School Supplies** the next time you are out and about. Look for those "early bird" specials! Please be aware that Ohio's sales tax holiday weekend is still in effect today. You can drop off your donations at the Church Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30. Two changes are happening this summer for our annual "Rally Day" event. The launch of our program year has moved to *before* Labor Day, to align us with the patterns of the lives of people whose schedule revolves around the school year. The after-worship festivities have been renamed, too. A lot of non-churched people may not know what happens at a "rally day," but they are quite likely to understand (and more likely to attend) a "Back-to-School Carnival!"

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE is a group of women at FPC who meet for **Bible Study** on the first Thursday of the month beginning in September at 11:00. We gather afterwards with our bag lunches, and a dessert is provided. The Presbyterian Women's book this year is "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other," based on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The Corinthian Church was in conflict, and Paul was calling them to loving unity rooted in the reality that Jesus Christ had been crucified and resurrected for *everyone*. The Christian Education Committee will provide the books. If you want to **join us**, we would love to have you. **Please tell Mary Kilpatrick, Sue Dennis, or the Church Office so we can order a book for you. Deadline: Today!**

THE WOMEN'S DESSERT AND DIALOGUE STUDY GROUP will meet in the Parlor at **noon** on the **third Thursday of each month beginning September 17**. This year we will read "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber, a "*New York Times* bestselling author who takes no prisoners as she reclaims the term 'pastrix' (a term used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful narrative about an unconventional life of faith." Please see Sue Dennis or call the Church Office if you would like to join this study.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Aug. 9	- Worship	10:00 am
Mon, Aug. 10	- OA, P	10:00 am
	- Cortland Fellowship, Otterbein	11:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- BGA Meeting, FH	6:30 pm
	- AA, MC	7:00 pm
Tues, Aug. 11	- Al-Anon, P	9:30 am
	- Presbytery Meeting, Canfield	5:00 pm
	- NA, MC	7:00 pm
Wed, Aug. 12	- Someplace Safe, B	5:00 pm
	- NAMI Meeting, P	6:00 pm
	- AA, MC	6:30 pm
Thurs, Aug. 13	- Chickadee Preschool Orientation, FH.....	5:00 pm
Fri, Aug. 14	- Church Office Closed	
Sat, Aug. 15	- AA, MC	11:00 am
	- Concert Parking	4:30 pm
Sun, Aug. 16	- Worship	10:00 am

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