



## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Congregational Hymn Sing (9:45)  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

Hymns 337, 354, 275

#### **Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
***and give thanks to his holy name.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Hymn 511

“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we hear your invitation, "Come, follow me,"  
yet we lack the courage to travel the road with you.  
You lead us on paths we have not known,  
yet we prefer our settled certainties.  
You call us beyond our self-imposed boundaries and borders,  
yet we play it safe and resist your Spirit's leading.  
Forgive our feckless faith, our lack of courage,  
and all our excuses and distractions.  
Awaken our trust  
that you will guide us through many dangers, toils, and snares  
and that your grace will lead us home; in Christ, we pray.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response 390                    "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"  
**Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (OT, p. 336)

Psalter: Psalm 30 (Hymnal 805)

A Time with Children

Special Music                    "Song for the Unsung Hero"                    Joseph Martin

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-11 (NT, p. 71)

Sermon: "No Baggage to Check"                    Rev. Carter  
*Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus*

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 295                    "Go to the World!"

\* Affirmation of Faith: A Declaration of Faith, PCUS (9.5)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.  
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life  
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.  
No more than Christ are we spared the darkness,  
ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.  
We are in the world, but not of the world.  
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross,  
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.**

Offering

Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.*

Prayers of the People

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** are given by Jeanette Stauffer to celebrate our nation.

**The communion elements include a gluten-free bread option.** The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free "communion packs" can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Director of Music

Organist

Liturgist

Rev. William Carter

Jana Schillinger

Frank Jones

Kay Ten Eyck

David Naehar

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## Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

**FPC Young(er) Adult Group** - The Christian Education committee is sponsoring new opportunities for building relationships and nurturing faith for anyone 20-to-50-year age range. A Pool Party is set for Saturday, July 26 at the Farrell's, with more events to come. Reach out to Michael Thompson, [mkthompson96@gmail.com](mailto:mkthompson96@gmail.com)/518-577-8691, for more information.

### Summer Bible Study for Adults Children's Bible Stories - But Not the Way You Remember Them

Our Wednesday night Bible study will continue through the Summer, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the library (room 206). We will look at some of the most beloved Bible characters and stories in the Old Testament, like Noah, Moses, David, and Elijah. Some of these will be familiar (or so you think) and others you may be reading for the first time.

**Coffee Hour:** Sunday, July 27, remains without refreshment hosts. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Karen, 570-575-7005, can answer questions.

**Summer choir:** Do you enjoy singing, but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? Come and sing with the choir in worship August 24. The next rehearsal is Thursday, August 21, 7pm. For more information contact Connie Weiss, 570-466-4520.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Hall, Caleb, Jon, Char, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, Wayne, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Judy S., Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff and Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Leslie, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, the Naehar family, Claire, Jeff Lease and family, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Wendy, Lee, Renee, Sally.

### Come to the RailRiders ball game on Friday, August 1!

Game Time is 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$14.  
The WBS RailRiders will play the Nashville Sounds  
at PNC Field!

- Sign up in the Narthex or church office by **Sunday, July 20**. Contact Betty Keen with questions. Checks are payable to Betty Keen.
- **No large purses, bags, or backpacks** are permitted at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used.



**We have a Nursery** that is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it has a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.

## On August 31: the Vince Guaraldi Jazz Mass

Our Jazz Communion service takes place this year on August 31. We are thrilled to announce the service will feature the Vince Guaraldi Mass.

Created for the inaugural year of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Guaraldi presented this jazz mass six months before he received international fame as the composer of “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

As a special treat, we have invited Derrick Bang, Mr. Guaraldi’s biographer, to talk about the work before the service at 9:30 in the sanctuary. To learn more about Derrick, [visit his online blog.](#)

Our choir will be joined by the choir of Our Lady of the Snows - and all are invited to sing with them. Choir rehearsals will be held on August 6, 13, and 27, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. We ask that all singers attend at least two rehearsals.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ALMOST HERE!

**Egypt:  
land of pharaohs, pyramids...  
and Vacation Bible School!**

From July 14-18, 9AM-12PM, this church will be transformed into ancient Egypt, where we'll hear from Joseph about his time in prison and rise to trusted palace advisor.

Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled, faith-filled week for the children of our church and community, age 4 to completion of grade 5. Your children will experience an Amazing Adventure each morning with crafts, songs, games, stories, and snacks.

**Register today** at [www.myvbs.org/fpccs](http://www.myvbs.org/fpccs) and we'll see you in Egypt!

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We're looking for a few more volunteers to round out our crew. If you're a bit crafty, a bit musically inclined, an energetic games enthusiast, or a behind-the-scenes builder, we've got a job for you! Please contact Jana at [fpccs.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:fpccs.vbs@gmail.com) or call the church office at (570)586-6306 to let us know you can help bring Egypt to life.

For the safety of our children and adults, all volunteers must have attended here regularly for 6 months and have VBS training prior to the first day.

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**Updated Church Directory:** Bound copies of the latest Church Directory are on the cabinet inside the Narthex. Please be sure to pick one up!

**We are grateful** for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, July 6

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

Tuesday, July 8

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, July 9

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6:00 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, July 10

- 9 a.m., Mobile Food Pantry unloading and packing, Fellowship Hall
- 4-6 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry food distribution, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music and Arts, Room 206

Friday, July 11

Sunday, July 13

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

Church summer office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Looking ahead:**

- July 14-18, **Vacation Bible School**, 9 a.m.-noon
- July 26, Pool Party at Farrells (see announcement)
- August 1, Rail Riders Baseball Game (sign up by July 20)
- August 10, Parking Lot Picnic
- August 14, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- August 31, Annual Jazz Communion, 10 a.m.

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