



First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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)

370, 372, 373, 375

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Patricia Lou Harris

Call to Worship

How do we know God?

God reveals through Creation and the Word;

Jesus teaches by what he says, does, and how he prays;

The Spirit speaks to our hearts and through one another;

Let us worship God: in our listening, in our praying, and in our living.

* Hymn 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

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!

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (NT p. 61)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13 (NT p. 72)

Sermon: "Whose Kingdom?"

Rev. Zencka

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages"

* 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.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.***

May we know your presence,

May your longings be our longings in heart and in action.

May there be food for the human family today

And for the whole earth community.

Forgive us the falseness of what we have done

As we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our time of conflict

But lead us into new beginnings.

***For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen***

From the Casa del Sol community of Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico.

Offering

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Edward Broughton

* Doxology (609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” arr. Robert Hughes

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jamie Strong.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher
Coordinator of Children and Youth
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist

Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka
Jana Schillinger
Frank Jones
Kay Ten Eyck
Connie Weiss

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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.

Please welcome Susan Gilbert Zencka to our church this morning. We look forward to her message.

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.

Summer Bible Study for Adults Women of the Bible Wednesday Night Study

Our topic currently is "Women of the Bible." We will meet at 6:00 pm in the library (Room 206) on July 30, then move to 5:45 pm in August to accommodate the choir rehearsal of the Guaraldi Jazz Mass. We will look at some of the great and not-so-great, famous and little-known women in the Old Testament.

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.

Our Nursery is staffed on Sunday from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it has a changing table, toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.

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, Wayne, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Lee, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, the Naeher family, Claire, Jeff Leas and family, Tim, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Renee, Wendy, Estelle, Janet S., Nate, Len, Millie, family and friends.



We're having a
PARKING LOT PICNIC!
It's August 10,
right after church.

No GPS NECESSARY.
It's *practically* in our back yard!
Y'all should come. It'll be FUN!



On August 31: the Vince Guaraldi Jazz Mass

Our Jazz Communion service takes place this year on August 31. We are thrilled that 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.



Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland

We are sponsoring a journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, a group of Presbyterians will travel to Dublin, Galway, and all the spots in between. Brochures are available in the narthex. As with the trip to Scotland, we will use Witte Travel from Grand Rapids. Reach out to [Rev. Bill Carter](#) or Jamie Strong with questions.

The Mission & Justice Committee is planning a morning at the CEO/ Weinberg Food Bank in Pittston on Saturday, **August 16, 9 a.m. to noon.** We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying citizens in our area in an assembly line manner. We will carpool from the church's back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For questions, or to sign up to go, call Diane Scheuer (570-362-3276 or divinends@gmail.com).



Looking Ahead:

- August 3, A Table Talk is scheduled following worship, Room 111. A guest from The Gideons will present a talk about their ministry.
- August 14, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- August 31, Annual Jazz Communion, 10 a.m.
- September 27-28, Worship Through Service Weekend

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 29

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 6 p.m., Combined Session and Deacons meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, July 30

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 11 a.m., Memorial Service for Ron Leas, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m., Summer Bible Study, Room 206
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, July 31

- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, August 1

- **It's Ballgame Day:** Pay attention to the weather! No BIG purses / backpacks, etc.
Have a great time!

Sunday, August 3

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15, Table Talk, Room 111 (see "Looking Ahead")



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.

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