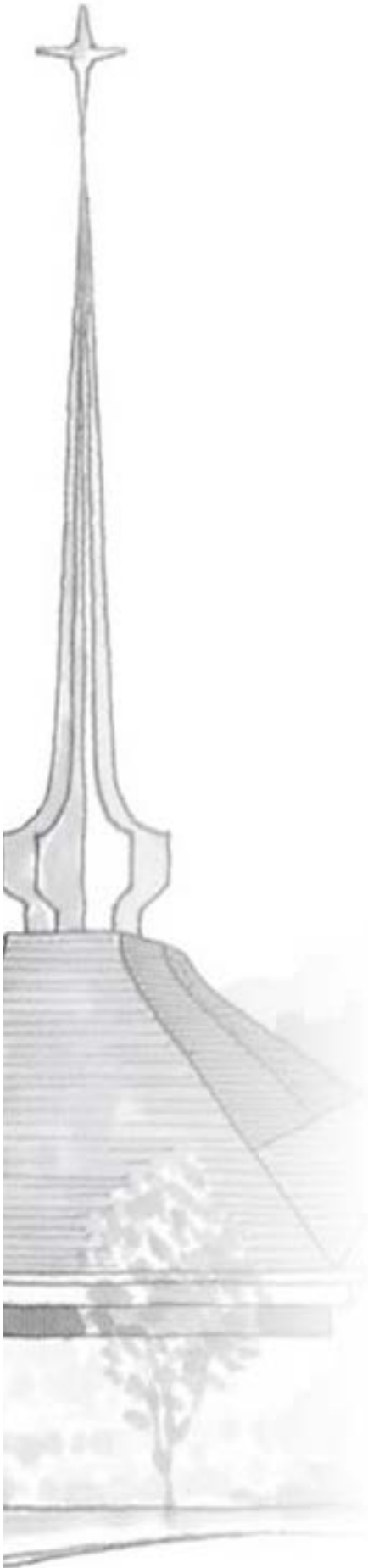




First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

July 19, 2026 11 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

Creator of all that is and cornerstone of our common life, You are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine. We cannot predict Your coming and going, yet You have given us Your story, Your family, Your work to do. Meet us here. Shape us for service in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of Your breath. Amen.

Welcome and Celebrations

Rev. Shon Peppers

Prelude

Psalm 139

Stegner

The choral introit was written by Dr. Benji Stegner, former FPC music director.

The prelude marks three times in this service when the words of Psalm 139 are proclaimed - each with different music and interpretation

ADORATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

People: I give thanks to You, O God, with my whole heart.

I will glorify Your name forever!

Leader: For great is your steadfast love for me.

People: You have delivered my soul from the depths.

Leader: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

Large print bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

Thank you to everyone who shares their gifts as part of the Summer Choir during the Chancel Choir's summer break. Your leadership in worship through music is a blessing to our congregation. We are grateful for your time, talent, and faithful service in praising God.

*Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Time with Our Children

Children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Children's Wing.

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

God of our lives, You search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. In this time of confession and of worship, help us to turn away from all that would keep us from You. Help us know Your peace and Your grace, that we may walk in faith once more...

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Celebration of Forgiveness 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Hymn 29

O God, You Search Me

Arr. Farrell

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Patience, Hope, and Possibility"

Rev. Shon Peppers

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People, concluding with *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.

Call to Offering

Offertory O Lord, You Know Me Completely Hopson

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

*Charge and Benediction

*Following the Benediction you are invited to remain
seated for personal reflection during the Postlude.*

Postlude Toccata on Come, Thou Almighty King Arr. Kerr

*Please stand as
you are able.
Assisting with worship
today are Dr. Thomas Van
Soelen, Choir Director and
Organist; Summer Choir.

Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

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RALLY DAY!

Sunday, August 16th



BREAKFAST IN SWEETENBURG

AT 9:30

learn about faith growing opportunities



1 SERVICE - 11:00 IN SANCTUARY

Blessing of the Bookbags, teachers, etc.



FPC FAMILY FUN

ON FIELD OF DREAMS

BEGINNING AFTER SERVICE

Food, Fellowship and Games.

All are welcome! ♥



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19

8:45am Morning Light Worship

9:15am Chancel Ringers

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, July 20

9:00am VBS

12:00pm Gentle Yoga - Gym

Tuesday, July 21

9:00am VBS

10:30am Worship Planning

1:30pm Endowment Grants

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am VBS

Thursday, July 23

9:00am VBS

9:30am Yoga- Gym

Friday, July 24

9:00am VBS

FOOD DRIVE

for the

FOOD PANTRY



Let's work together to help stock the shelves and support families in our community.



PLEASE DONATE:



CANNED MEAT
such as tuna, chicken, etc.



CANNED FRUIT
such as peach, pineapple, mixed fruit, etc.



COLLECTING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY



Thank you for being a blessing to the families we serve! ♥

GWINNETT Stripers

RESCHEDULED!

Due to rain, our previous outing was canceled.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
Gwinnett Stripers Game

★ JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ★
BASEBALL, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE or EMAIL PASTOR SHON.