



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

June 28, 2026 11 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

As we prepare to hear God's Word, let us quiet our hearts and listen for what God may be saying to us today. Through the words of Jeremiah and Jesus, we are reminded that even small acts of kindness can reflect God's love in powerful ways. May we be open to God's presence among us and ready to respond with faith, generosity, and grace. Amen.

Welcome and Celebrations

Rev. Shon Peppers

Prelude

Be Christ

Funderburk/West

*Some go, some stay. Some preach, some pray. Some give a cup of water in Jesus' Name. But for all who believe, the call is the same: Be Christ. To a world lost in darkness, be light. Live the love that saved you. Give the grace He gave you.
Let the witness of your life be Christ.*

ADORATION

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 89)

Leader: We will gather and sing about the wonders of your love, O God!

**People: We will lift up the good news of your faithfulness
to all generations!**

Leader: We will declare that your love stands firm,
that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

**People: Blessed are those who know you as their God,
for they walk in the light of your love!**

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

*Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

CHERPONI

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

O God, you created us. You know us and understand us. You realize that, at times, we come up short. We desire to be generous, but withhold from others and from you. We desire to be Christ-like in our actions, but we can forget and follow the values and examples that this world offers us. We desire to be kind and loving, but can allow fatigue and stress to deter us from these good intentions. Forgive us, O Lord, and allow your grace to wash over us. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves, and to begin anew each day. And hear us now, in the silence of these moments, as we confess to you what is ours alone to confess...

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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 10:38-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Cup of Cold Water"

Rev. Lee Koontz

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

Take Up Your Cross

Arr. Helvey

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said O WALY WALY

These beautiful words will be sung to a more familiar tune: 847.

*Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

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

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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WORK DAY
to help our
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
CLEAN & SPRUCE UP
for the coming school year!

BRING ANY cleaning supplies & equipment you like
BRING YOUR energy & enthusiasm
IT WILL BE A FUN MORNING of service for all!

Let's work together to make our CDC shine!

VBS
NEEDS YOUR
HELP!

WANT TO HELP WITH VBS? Stop by one of the VBS tables in the Narthex or Sweetenburgh Hall and grab a donation tag.

WE ALSO NEED CRAFTY HELP by making props!

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:
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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!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28

8:45am Morning Light Worship
9:15am Chancel Ringers
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, June 29

12:00pm Gentle Yoga- Gym
5:30pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

10:30am Worship Planning

Wednesday, July 1

11:00am Faith Development

Thursday, July 2

9:30am Yoga-Gym

TWO COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS
THIS SUMMER

Two great nights. One amazing community!
Hosted by First Presbyterian Church

THE DATES	SCHEDULE
JULY 10 Night One	DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM MOVIE STARTS 7:00 PM WE WRAP UP AROUND 9:15 PM
JULY 17 Night Two	CLEANUP DONE BY 9:30 PM

WHERE
Church lawn — outdoor movie night, free admission, open to everyone!

RAIN BACKUP: THE GYM

ONE IMPORTANT NOTE:
Due to licensing, we cannot publish the specific film title publicly. If you would like to know the film titles, please call the church office.

OFFICE CLOSED
— ★ Friday, July 3 ★ —
IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY!

JOIN US FOR SUMMER Choir!

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR IS TAKING A WELL-DESERVED BREAK!

From July 12–August 2, a Summer Choir will sing familiar and favorite anthems that do not require a mid-week rehearsal.

No audition is required – come enjoy making music with others!