



# First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

## Order of Worship

July 5, 2026 11 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PREPARATION

#### A Prayer of Preparation

*Loving God, you are the giver of every good gift, and each day of our lives is held in your hands. As we gather around your table this morning, remind us that the time we have, the people we love, and the opportunities before us are all gifts of your grace. Open our hearts to receive Christ anew, and shape us into faithful disciples who use each day to serve you with joy, compassion, and hope. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

#### Welcome and Celebrations

Rev. Lee Koontz

#### Prelude

#### Taps

arr. Hammer

*This song is offered in memory of so many who have died for our liberty.  
This piano version has a reverberative, ethereal quality, using the notes of the famous Taps, often played by a bugle at a military funeral.*

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

The rose in Narthex is in memory of Barbara McConnell who passed away on June 19, 2026.

## ADORATION

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Shon Peppers

Leader: We have come from North and South and East and West.

**All: God has welcomed us. Let us welcome each other.**

Leader: We come as sojourners, the travelers, the weary, and the lost.

**All: God has welcomed us. Let us welcome all who gather here.**

Leader: We've come this far by faith, morning by morning and day by day.

**All: God has welcomed us. Let us welcome those who journeyed before us.**

Leader: We have been led by service and sacrifice, and through great trials and mighty storms we have followed the way of peace, justice, and love.

**All: God has welcomed us. Let us trust in the One who created the mighty seas, calmed the feaful waves, and hovers over the waters of new life. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL 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

**Gracious God, you call to us when we are weary and shouldering heavy burdens, inviting us into your peace. We confess that too often we put up a strong front instead of showing our faults to others or ourselves. Much of the time we would rather maintain the illusion that all is well, that we are good and justice reigns. Have mercy on us, Lord, in our blindness. Help us to see the faults in ourselves. Open our eyes to that which is callous and unjust. Set us on a right path. Teach us the way for peace, forgiveness, compassion, and love...**

### 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. (2x)*

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

Romans 7:15-25

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Saving Grace"

Rev. Lee Koontz

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Communion 523      You Satisfy the Hungry Heart      I AM THE BREAD

Words of Institution

Celebration of Communion

*(Gluten-free bread and prepackaged elements are available. Please ask your server.)*

Prayer After Communion

Call for Offering

Offertory      My Country 'Tis of Thee      arr. Hammer

Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology      Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow      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 338      O Beautiful for Spacious Skies      MATERNA

\*Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude      America      Arr. Doran

\*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!

### Our Staff

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**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!

**WORK DAY**

JULY 11  
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
**CLEAN & SPRUCE UP**

BRING SUPPLIES | BRING ENERGY | FUN MORNING OF SERVICE

**TWO COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS THIS SUMMER**

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

THE DATES	SCHEDULE
<b>JULY 10</b> Night One	DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM   MOVIE STARTS 7:00 PM   WE WRAP UP AROUND 9:15 PM
<b>JULY 17</b> 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.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 5  
8:45am Morning Light Worship  
9:15am Chancel Ringers  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, July 6  
12:00pm Gentle Yoga – Gym  
2:30pm Communion at LVE

Tuesday, July 7  
10:30am Worship Planning

Thursday, July 9  
9:30am Yoga- Gym

Friday, July 10  
6:30pm Movie Night

Saturday, June 11  
8:30am Church Work Day

**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!