

# First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

## Order of Worship

June 7, 2026 11 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PREPARATION

#### A Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, all time belongs to you, and every day is a gift entrusted to our care. As we gather at your table this Communion Sunday, help us reflect on how we are using the moments, opportunities, and relationships you have given us. Teach us to spend our days in ways that honor you, serve our neighbors, and deepen our faith. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### Welcome and Celebrations

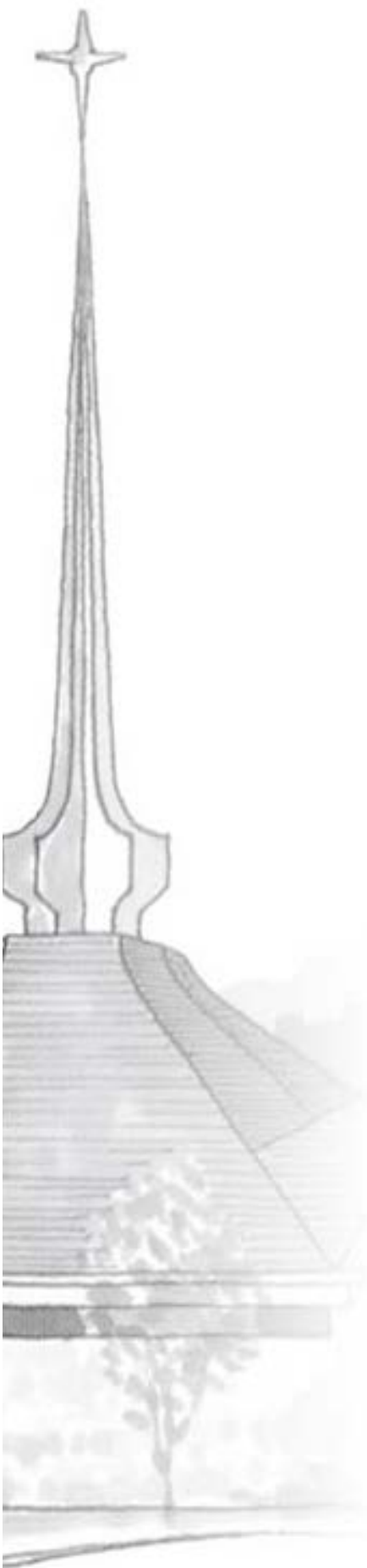
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#### Prelude

#### Take Time to Be Holy

#### HOLINESS

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see. Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*



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

## ADORATION

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 33)

Rev. Shon Peppers

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD,

**People: Praise the LORD with music.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song,

**People: sing with skill and joy!**

Leader: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all humanity;

**People: from the Lord's dwelling place, God watches all who live on earth.**

Leader: No nation is saved by the size of an army;

**People: despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

Leader: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear God,

**People: on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.**

Leader: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Lord.

**People: May God's unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in God alone.**

\*Hymn 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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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 grace and love, we confess that we have had other gods before you. We have worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator. We have sought satisfaction in this world's pleasures rather than in You. We have loved to praise our own glory more than yours. God of mercy, as you once again call us to worship You alone, help us to respond humbly and faithfully. Forgive our failures and help us to learn from them. Change our hearts and minds as we hear your good news proclaimed. Help us to see you at the center of all that we do, that our lives would be focused on your grace, your love, and your forgiveness...**

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

Genesis 12:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Time for Mercy"

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

There is a Time

Courtney

*There is a time. There is a season for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to kill, a time to heal, a time to destroy, a time to build, a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance, to scatter stones, to gather stones, a time to embrace, and to refrain, a time to search, a time to lose, a time to hold, a time to release, a time for silence, a time to speak, a time to love, a time to hate, a time for war, a time for peace.*

*There is a time. (Ecclesiastes 3)*

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 515      I Come With Joy      DOVE OF PEACE

\*Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude

In His Time  
(see sidebar)

Ball

\*Please stand as you are able.

Assisting with worship today are Dr. Thomas Van Soelen, Choir Director and Organist

*In His time in His time  
He makes all things beautiful  
In His time  
Lord please show me ev'ry day  
As You're teaching me Your way  
That You do just what You say  
In Your time  
In Your time in Your time  
You make all things beautiful  
In Your time  
Lord my life to You I bring  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing  
In Your time*

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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A poster for the Summer Choir. At the top, it says "JOIN US FOR SUMMER Choir!" in large, bold, blue and green letters. To the right, a sun icon contains the text "OUR CHANCEL CHOIR IS TAKING A WELL-DESERVED BREAK!". Below this, a musical note icon is followed by the text "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!". At the bottom, a section titled "HOW IT WORKS:" is divided into four numbered steps: 1. WHEN: Any (or all!) Sunday mornings from July 12–August 2. 2. TIME: Arrive at 10:30 AM in the choir room. 3. REHEARSE: We will give you everything you need other than your willing spirit. Rehearse from 10:30–11 AM. 4. SING: We will sing from the choir loft for the 11 AM service. The poster also features a palm tree and a sun icon.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 7

8:45am Morning Light Worship

9:15am Chancel Ringers

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, June 8

Office Closed

12:00pm Gentle Yoga – Gym

Tuesday, June 9

10:30am Worship Planning

5:30pm Congregational Care

5:30pm Fellowship Ministry

6:15pm The Diaconate

Wednesday, June 10

4:30 pm Mission Committee

Thursday, June 11

9:30am Yoga- Gym

Friday, June 12

6:00pm Kids Night Out