

| THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES |        |                                   |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Today<br>(07/12)       | 9:30a  | Sunday School                     |
|                        | 10:30a | Worship Service— <i>Communion</i> |
| Monday<br>(07/13)      | 9:00a  | Bulletin Information Due          |
|                        |        | Website Information Due           |
|                        | 6:30p  | Triad A Capella Connection        |
| Wednesday<br>(07/15)   | 9:00a  | WW Meeting                        |
| Sunday<br>(07/19)      | 9:30a  | Sunday School                     |
|                        | 10:30a | Worship Service                   |

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



# First Presbyterian Church

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July 12, 2026—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

**All: We have committed ourselves to follow the light. We come now to be instructed by God's law.**

One: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God. Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

**All: We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love's embrace deep within.**

One: The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead. That spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

**All: We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope. God cares for the earth and for each one of us. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we have the opportunity to grow in understanding and in the joy of serving others in Christ’s name. The Spirit of life sets us free from our narrow concerns to celebrate the good within and around us. Life is transformed by our new attitude of gratefulness. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

\*RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

ANTHEM

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126:1-6

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

*“Sowing Seeds”*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**SENDING**

\*HYMN NO. 525

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

LET US BREAK BREAD

\*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 on 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving—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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God’s Gifts

The Communion Prayer

\*HYMN NO. 451

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

OPEN MY EYES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

|                                            |                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Serving Today (Jul 12)</b>              | <b>Serving Next Sunday (Jul 19)</b>                |
| Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith          | Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson |
| Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Linda Volcek  |                                                    |
| Assisting Elders: Skip Smith, Linda Volcek |                                                    |
| Dee Barham, Ellen Watts                    |                                                    |

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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