

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



June 26, 2022

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Youth Choir 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

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We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

FATHER'S DAY Poem

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

INTROIT

"O Lord, Our Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to worship God, whose way is holy.

PEOPLE: **Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

LEADER: We come to worship God, whose way is holy.

PEOPLE: **Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

LEADER: We come to worship God, whose way is holy.

PEOPLE: **Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

LEADER: Let us follow Jesus wherever we are led.

PEOPLE: **Let us proclaim the kingdom of God!**

HYMN

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

No. 10

Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. The law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we instead go in our own direction. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Yet we yearn to be more centered on you. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

"Glory to God"

No. 583

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20* (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Higher Ground"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 9:51-62* (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Look Ahead"

***HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us"

No. 720

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

No. 606

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...

HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me" st. 1-4

No. 726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

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"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Will You Come and Follow Me" st. 5 No. 726

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope; safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will get to know us and, perhaps, join us on our pilgrimage. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

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Welcome!

We look forward to meeting you and hearing from you. Here is contact information for our Church Staff as well as members of our Session. Please feel free to contact any one for questions or concerns. If you would like to be more involved with the day-to-day activities of the church please let us know.

Please feel free to contact Griffin with any prayer requests or other concerns – or even if you just want to talk! She would love to hear from everyone.

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Prayer Requests

Please keep these on your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Give thanks for God's healing.

- **Wynona Brown:** As Wynona continues treatment and continues to feel better, keep her in your prayers. It seems that things are on the path to getting and feeling better. Pray for that path to continue!
- **Caroline Robinson:** Please pray for continued healing, comfort and peace. She is thankful for all that the love of the church and the love of God brings her while she is on this journey.
- **Joan Grant:** Joan had a doctor's appointment and scan recently. Although she is still having to deal with arthritis, the scan showed no cancer in her bones! We are so grateful for this good news and we pray with thanks to God!
- **Rodney Spinks:** Please keep Joan Grant's grandson in your prayers.
- **Penny Vaught:** Please pray for Penny, a friend of the church, whose brother recently and passed away from a heart attack. Pray that she may find peace.
- **Randall Allen:** Please keep Randall, a friend of the church, in your prayers. His current round of chemotherapy is continuing. Pray for strength, healing and peace.
- **Betty Allen:** Friend of Beverly and Sam Grigsby. Please keep her in your prayers as she was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- **Ruth Cornelius:** Pray for Ruth to experience peace. Pray that she may feel love from all of her family, friends and church.
- **Billy Lewis:** Brother of Sheri Wright. He passed away recently from a struggle with COPD. Pray for his family as they continue to heal. Let them find peace.
- **Donna Eads:** Sister of Billy Farmer. Please pray for healing and comfort as she has been dealing with long term effects of polio and an ankle replacement.
- **Sue Ryan:** Grandmother of Sean and Griffin Ryan. Please pray for Sue's endurance during this time of numerous tests and appointments. Pray for answers to concerns and for times without worries. Give thanks for Sue's trust that God is always with her, even when she is facing stress.
- **Joe Southard:** Please pray for peace. His cancer has spread to his breastbone.
- **Eugene and Marsha Mayes-Burton:** friends of the church. Eugene recently had surgery to remove a tumor.

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TODAY!!--MOVIE DAY!!!

We will be having a movie night for the all the kids! Plan to attend this fun evening with your friends! We are having a movie tonight, June 26, starting at 5:00. There will be snacks, fun, fellowship, and a great movie!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

-Children's Sunday school will take a break over the summer.

Adult Sunday School –
Started May 8th
Al Plymire will be conducting a class titled
“Violence in the Old Testament”

Vacation Bible School!

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending this great program, and bring a friend. It will be July 6-8 from 9:00-12:00. This year's theme is " Bible Barnyard". More information to follow in the coming weeks.

June Birthdays

4th Sam Grigsby
10th Allyse Williams
12th Sherri Wright
13th Judy Sturgeon
16th Sean Swinney
22nd Carl Robinson
23rd Jacob Hackney
27th Haley Phelps
30th Robert Hail
Billy Farmer

June anniversaries

5th Jackie & Karen Jewell
7th Richard & Karen Webb
10th Jacky & Debbie Crawford
17th Sean and Diane Swinney
20th Wayne & Judy Sturgeon
Michael & Tricia Hardin
26th Tom & Heidi Weatherly

July Birthdays

1st Diane Swinney
2nd Cody Hail
7th Laurel E. Wallace
Alex Herren
8th Joan Grant
Michael Hardin
11th Lucy Herren
15th Shane Callahan
17th Monica Turner
19th Alexis Haarsma
20th Tommy Howard
23rd Michael Pratt
24th Jimmy & Robbie Hail
26th Ryan Swinney
27th Ella Evelyn Taylor
29th Kiera Kuepfer
31st Jacob Taylor

Anniversaries

1st John & Thea Robinson
6th Chris & Becky Herren
15th John & Pat Kelley
20th Kerry & Jane Phelps
23rd Randy & Jill Creech
25th Nathan & Mykie Howard

NURSERY We have a nursery

available for children under 5 if you wish. They will be dismissed from the sanctuary right after the children's sermon.

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The work of the church is never ending. There is much that goes on in the Church throughout the week. It is a busy place. We would love to have you involved in the life of your church. If you think you might like to be involved in a committee, please contact the committee chairperson. If there are areas where you feel we should be more involved we would love to know that as well.

This is your church, help it be what you want it to be.



**A special prayer for those in Texas,
as well as those everywhere that are hurting.**

Almighty and most merciful God, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds after yet another school shooting—at a middle school in Uvalde, Texas. We bring before you all the innocent victims. May they find eternal safety and rest. We pray for all those who suffer, and those who work to save and treat. We lift all families who are facing ordeal and turmoil, and we place them into your loving arms.

We implore your divine help, O God, for our nation at this time of many shootings. We pray that law enforcement officials will have the resources they need to protect, and to remain vigilant. We pray for our legislators and leaders and we pray for resources for better mental health diagnosis and treatment.

Finally, we pray for those who inflict such harm on others. We pray for perfect mercy and justice and, for those who still are alive, for repentance. Amen.