

The Lord’s Day Morning

July 20, 2025

Ten Forty-Five O'clock

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Please complete and pass the black friendship pad at the end of the pew.

Welcome

+Prelude.....Gordon Young
“Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Worship Psalm 8
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 120**..... ROYAL OAK
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Affirmation of Faith**..... The Apostles’ Creed (150 AD)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell†.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ’s passion, death, and burial.

*i.e., the universal Christian Church

Congregational Confession of Sin

Lord, forgive us that at times we enjoy the creation and culture you have graciously provided us without acknowledging your gift of it. Forgive us that we can ignore you while receiving your gifts, that we can refuse to honor you and thank you even while delighting in your gifts.

Give us grace to recognize you and praise you in all that we do. In the words of Paul, whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, may we do all to your glory. And whatever we do, in word or deed, may we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to you our God and Father. Amen.

Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 1:18-23; 2 Timothy 3:2-4;
1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:11-12
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***+Hymn of Response** (insert) Getty/Townend
“Merciful God”

The Children’s Catechism (An Introduction to the Shorter Catechism)
Q#18. What is Sin?
Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of the law of God.

Q#19. What is meant by want of conformity?
Not being or doing what God requires.

Q#20. What is meant by transgression?
Doing what God forbids.

Q#21. What does every sin deserve?
The wrath and curse of God.

Prayer of Intercession and 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.

+Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory..... Johanna Anderson/arr. Dan Forrest
“Lord of the Small”
Solo: Jesse Noote

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.
Who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid,
He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak,
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill
Who heals their afflictions or carries them till,
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly.
To never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live
Who’ve been given so much and can so little give
Our frail lisping praise God will never despise-
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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***Doxology** (Hymn 731)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children’s Church)

Ministry of the Word Darwin Jordan
“Work”
Ephesians 6:5-9 (p. 979); Colossians 3:22-25 (pp. 984-985)

*** Hymn of Response** Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: AZMON
“Oh for a Heart to Praise My God”

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels Thy blood so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in ev'ry thought renewed and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;
write Thy new name upon my heart, Thy new best name of Love.

*Benediction

***Postlude** “Postlude on ‘Shout On!’” David Lasky

*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshipers.

Presiding Minister - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Minister - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Rob Jackson

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Betsy Aeschliman is a pediatric nurse who assists church planters and national pastors by bringing short-term medical teams to encourage them in their callings. Betsy prepares and guides five teams annually to help meet this number one request from their overseas colleagues. She and her missionary husband, Ash, are active in recruiting healthcare professionals and non-medical volunteers for teams.

<https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/aeschliman-ash-and-betsy>

Dr. Jim Carter serves as Chaplain Ministries Coordinator for Mission to North America and Executive Director and Ecclesiastical Endorser with the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. Following his ministerial calling and ordination into the PCA, he entered the Army Chaplain Corps in 1988, where he served over 24 years and achieved the rank of Colonel. Jim and his wife, Terri, live in Mullins, South Carolina. www.PRCC.co

JOINT ADULT/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the Sunday School hour next Sunday, July 27, the Session will host an informational meeting for the congregation in Taylor Hall. This time will be used to share more about the process and support structure for our upcoming senior pastor search. We hope all members will join us for this important conversation in the life of our church.

VISITORS

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

Please take a moment to provide us with a record of your visit using the attendance register at the end of each pew.

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Thanks to those serving today!

Duty Deacons for July: Lee Norman (head), Hunter Berry, John Howell, Tommy Shook, Schaeffer Smith, Aaron Strum, Trey Sutton	Ushers for July: Brian Aehnlich, Jonathan Easterling, Stephen English, Greg Garraway, Bryon Kittler, David Scott Moore
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