

# The Lord’s Day Morning

July 27, 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**..... Craig Phillips  
“Wondrous Love”

**Call to Worship** ..... Isaiah 40:28-31  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

**\*+Hymn of Adoration 598** ..... CWM RHONDDA  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**.....The Nicene Creed (325 AD)  
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with  
the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he  
rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again  
with glory to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son

together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in \*one holy catholic and apostolic church; we  
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*i.e., the universal Christian Church

## Congregational Confession of Sin

Lord, we are at war with spiritual forces of wickedness. As Peter writes,  
“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around  
like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” James writes, “Resist  
the devil and he will flee from you.”

Forgive us that we can be careless spiritual drunks stumbling into our  
days as though there is no war going on. Forgive us that we do not pray  
in earnest “deliver us from the evil one.” Forgive when we have not  
helplessly depended on you and cried out to you, realizing it is your  
strength alone that enables us to stand firm against the evil forces of  
wickedness. Amen

1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7; Matthew 6:13; Ephesians 6:10-13

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... 1 Peter 2:24-25  
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to  
sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to  
the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Molly Jane Hayes, covenant child of Jordan and Haley Hayes,  
by Rev. Knox Baird with Ruling Elder Wes Curry assisting.

**\*+Hymn of Baptism 189**.....JESUS LOVES ME  
“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”  
(verse 1)

**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**.....Erik Dewar/arr. Dan Forrest  
“Come Find His Rest”  
*FPC/PCS Ensemble*

Come weary one, leave thy labors  
Come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend  
His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied  
Come find His rest

Take His yoke upon thee, for He is gentle and lowly in heart  
So learn from Christ the Lord – thy portion and reward.  
Come find His rest

I heard the voice of Jesus say "Come unto me and rest  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

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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  
“Our Warfare”  
Ephesians 6:10-13 (p. 979)

**Hymn of Response** (insert) ..... BEACH SPRING  
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
(verses 1–2)

## The Lord’s Supper

**\*Hymn of Response** (insert) ..... BEACH SPRING  
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
(verse 3)

## \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** ..... “Toccata in G” ..... Theodore Dubois

\*Please stand if you are able.  
+The ushers may seat worshipers.

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

You are invited and are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member in good standing of this or some other Bible-believing church, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during this time of the Lord’s Supper.

*Lord Jesus, the burdens of my life are too great for me. I know that my heaviest burden is my own sin. My sin has made me estranged from God and it is too great for me to carry. You say to all sinners, including me, “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” These are the words my guilty conscience longs for. Help me, Lord Jesus, to understand and believe your loving promise that I can have rest for my soul. And even more, that I can know you and have eternal life.*

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Mission India** provides church planting, children’s Bible clubs, and adult literacy classes across India. Pray for God’s protection and provision for partners who are persevering amidst the rise of persecution in India. [www.missionindia.org](http://www.missionindia.org)

**Bassam Chedid** is Founder/Director of *Children of Abraham*, which seeks to reach Arabs in the U.S. through distribution of printed materials and internet evangelism. He is the author of Islam: What Every Christian Should Know and general editor of the Arabic Study Bible. [www.coabraham.org](http://www.coabraham.org)

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!

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