

Fifteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

July 14, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has accomplished all things through Christ.

So that we may live as God's children.

Let us give thanks to God

And live for the praise of God's glory.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you created the world and everything we know, or have ever known. If we can dance, let us dance in celebration of your power. All praise to you, our stronghold and savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN 401

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

Children may return to sit with their families.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be your children; you want us to care for each other as family; yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace of Christ. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news. Our spiritual ancestors crossed the water, in order to enter liberty, and in order to become God's covenant people. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**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

Siblings in Christ, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.
Let us love one another! And let us be at peace.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 649)

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, your Word brings us peace. By your Word, send your Holy Spirit to live with us, that we might praise Christ and his glory. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

God moves in history with his people.

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Consider what God has given to us in Jesus Christ; remember that, even now, the Holy Spirit lives in us; rejoice that we are part of God's plan for all time. Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Summer Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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.**

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE 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.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

The prayer continues.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations.

Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we are full of your presence. Your gracious mercy is as food for us. We have drunk the wine of rejoicing, as we have recalled your loving sacrifice. Now, let the measure of what we have received be weighed-out in the faithfulness we will demonstrate. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Patrick Corkran*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Janice Odom*



You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



The Life of the Church

An Ice Cream Social will be held this evening, at 6:30 P.M. in the Pavilion. You are invited to bring homemade ice cream or cookies/brownies. The bounce house will be available for the kids and we will enjoy an evening of fellowship together!

Safe Child Training is required for all adults who plan to help with VBS or work with children or youth during the coming year. This training will be held today following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please see Stephanie or Jeff if you need to schedule an alternate training time.



Vacation Bible School is coming up July 23, 24, and 25, 9:00 A.M. to Noon for kids age 4 through 5th grade. At this year's "Kindom Crafters" VBS, kids will imagine, build, and discover the Kin-dom of God that is all around us. **Volunteers are still needed** – please contact Stephanie Dube if you can help.

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, July 21 for the purpose of electing a deacon and our pastor nominating committee (PNC). Any nominations made from the floor should be pre-approved by the person being nominated. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate:

PNC: Pat Corkran, Pat Hale, Ashley Johnson, Claudia Johnson, John Lashbrook, Jerry Price, Patti Price

Deacons, Class of 2026: Linda Kabalen

With Grateful Hearts

Next Sunday marks the end of Dennis Jewett's tenure as our music director. Over the last twelve years, Dennis has built a program marked by musical excellence, diverse styles, and a welcoming spirit. More than that, he has been a pastoral presence, a wonderful friend, and a mentor to countless young people.

Please join us for a reception following worship and the congregational meeting on Sunday, July 21, as we celebrate Dennis and send him with our blessing as he moves to Texas to be close to family.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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Patti Price
CeCe Robinson
Brad Smith
Mary Lou Taylor

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Janice Odom
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Karen Taylor
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