

Fourteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

July 7, 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

When the Sabbath came, the people were amazed.

Jesus' wisdom and his miracles bless, but they also astonish,

He confounds, inspires, and confuses whomever he chooses to hear his voice.

Speak now! Work your deeds of power for us here.

We are ready!

We are ready!

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you created the world and everything we know, or have ever known.

Your miracles are all around! All praise to you, our stronghold and savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

Children may return to sit with their families.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Lord's power is made perfect in our weakness. Our need inspires God's compassion. Our helplessness calls forth God's forgiveness. Let us confess our weakness to God and to one another. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to be bold and to proclaim your goodness. But we are stubborn and rebellious, confused and confounded. By the power of your

Holy Spirit, raise us to new ways of living, that we may return your loving mercy with the fullness of faith, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news. God's mercies flow like a mighty river, washing us clean and carrying us along. 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

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Godself. As reconciled souls, let us greet one another with a word of peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 741)

GUIDE MY FEET

**Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race;
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit; revisit us and revive our faith. Let your power be recognized. Let your blessings come. Change stubborn hearts, and let us rejoice, In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 6:1-13 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicæan Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We offer the gifts of our lives and our livelihoods all in response to what God has done, and how we have been loved. Let us come before God with our tithes and offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Honor, Honor
Ava Wiggins, soprano

Hall Johnson

*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

How grateful we are, O God, that we have held you by holding the elements of bread and wine... How glad we are, O God, that we have tasted and seen your goodness... How right it feels, to have been so close to you here. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

CHANGE MY HEART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Brad Smith*

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

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.

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 Sunday, July 14th, following Worship.

A Reception Honoring Dennis Jewett will be held following worship Sunday, July 21, as we celebrate his twelve years of service as our music director and wish him well as he moves to be near family in Texas.

An Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, July 14, 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.

Montreat is being held in Montreat, NC this week. Stephanie is taking Anna, Harley, Kirtley, Claudia, Lucy, and Trey. Please be in prayer for them. For more information on Montreat, please see this week's PresbyNotes.

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through June)	Month of June (to date)	Week Ending July 6
Income: \$232,804.24	Income: \$34,626.72	Income: \$ 3,480.00
<u>Expense: \$293,529.74</u>	<u>Expense: \$53,749.10</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 3,153.83</u>
Balance: -\$60,725.50	Balance: -\$19,122.38	Balance: \$ 326.17



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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