

Thirteenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

June 30, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, Who has come in reverence? Who reaches out to touch me?

**Children, your faith has made you well. Be at peace.**

And he says, do not fear; only believe!

**No commotion now. No weeping. No sorrow or fear. God's love is strong!**

He takes us by the hand and lifts us up.

**We hear him say, "You are alive! Rise up and live! Amen.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you created the world and everything we know, or have ever known. The wind and the sea obey your Son. All praise to you, our stronghold and savior. **Amen.**

### \*HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

*Children may return to sit with their families.*

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Even those who follow Jesus will sometimes find themselves "at the point of death."

But Christ lays his hands on us, so that we may be made well, and live. Let us confess our imperfection to God and to one another. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, forgive us! We have missed the glory around us – the beauty of the flowers, the bright blue sky, the love of each other, and your majestic willingness to save. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness**

**comes like the morning, leading us out of darkness again and again. Thank you for all your mercies, shown to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

#### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news. Grace is poured out like water; mercy flows inexhaustibly. Let us live as those who have received new life. 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 250)

PROMISE

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unresolved until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unresolved until its season, something God alone can see.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:22-31 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 5:21-43 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Eriksen

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*First Verse*

FAITHFULNESS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Declaration of Faith 1.1*

**God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With tithes and offering, give thanks to the Lord; whose steadfast love endures forever.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

\*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 you feed us, and set us apart for your service. By this sacred meal, may we be filled with your grace, your patience, your generosity, and your love. We pray that our lives, consecrated in baptism**

and renewed at this Table, may now faithfully continue your ministry to the world in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 829

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Marilyn Ericksen*

Liturgist: *Anna Robinson*

Communion Servers: *Mary Lou Taylor & Patti Burns Taylor*

Pianist: *Rayma Bramschreiber*

**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](http://fpcobky.com/give)
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



## The Life of the Church

**The Nominating Committee** is beginning to meet to consider the following positions to serve the church: session, deacons, trustees, and the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions, please let Patti Price, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, know, 270-314-6099.

**Vacation Bible School** is coming up July 23, 24, and 25, 9:00 A.M. to Noon for kids age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**The 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** is being held this week in Salt Lake City. Jeff Moles is attending as part of his work on the Special Committee on the Standing Rules. Our presbytery is being represented by Teaching Elder Commissioner Jen Evans, Ruling Elder Commissioner Rich Evans, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Lois Van Beek. Please be in prayer for everyone who is part of the General Assembly.

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

| <b>Year (through May)</b>    | <b>Month of June (to date)</b> | <b>Week Ending June 29</b>  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income: \$198,175.16         | Income: \$32,758.64            | Income: \$10,903.00         |
| <u>Expense: \$239,755.64</u> | <u>Expense: \$48,667.10</u>    | <u>Expense: \$23,576.82</u> |
| Balance: -\$41,580.48        | Balance: -\$15,908.46          | Balance: -\$12,673.82       |



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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