

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

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Early Worship - 8:30 a.m.

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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 19, 2026

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Terry Washburn, Teaching Elder

(740) 505-3850

PRELUDE

Organist, Ruth White Gorth

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Dale Wood

MINISTRY OF THE ACOLYTES

*The Candle Light Is a Symbol of Christ,
Light of the World, Showing Us the Way.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Terry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bronwyn Jones, Liturgist

Leader: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

People: I give thanks to You, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify Your name forever!

Leader: For great is Your steadfast love for me.

People: You have delivered my soul from the depths.

Leader: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

*** HYMN**

Bronwyn Jones, Song Leader

"The Solid Rock"

#315

DISMISSAL OF YOUTH TO JUNIOR CHURCH

TEACHER: Lynette Hamilton

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Abba, Father, where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; restore us as Your children and joint heirs with Christ. You are our hope. Lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: My fellow children of God, do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

#620

**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 THE PEACE**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Leader: He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples approached Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will collect out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

* **RESPONSE HYMN** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **#588**

THE PSALTER **Madeline Rogers, Reader** Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Reader: O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Reader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it altogether.

Reader: You pursue me behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

Reader: Whither shall I go from Your spirit?

People: Or whither shall I flee from Your presence?

Reader: If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

People: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Reader: If I say, “Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,”

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Dan Warner; Wyatt Iron; Eric Hapner; Colin Brown; Matt Kelly; Logan Kelly; Alex Butler; Major Aric Carroll; Brody Clutter; Jay Cordrey; Ty Clutter; Jonathan Hammond; Jared Willer; Hannah Weber; & Nathan Weber

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our Mission as a Fellowship following Christ is to live by faith, reflect God’s love, and to be a voice of hope to the world.

THE CHURCH ALIVE! OUR MISSION PROJECTS

The Mission Committee will be collecting **dry cereal** for the clients of Samaritan Outreach during the month of **July**. The collection box is in the Fellowship Room.

Community Market

Please place purchase receipts from Community Market (both Hillsboro [also known as Great Scot in Hillsboro] and Greenfield) in the pouch on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.

Matthew 25 Pill Bottles

Please place empty prescription bottles in the basket in the Fellowship Room labeled for such. Please remove labels if possible.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship Attendance for **July 12:** 8:30 a.m. - **34** & 10:00 a.m. – **45**

FINANCE REPORT: Weekly Budget Needs: \$2,400 / Last Week’s Tithes: **\$1,630**

People: **even the darkness is not dark to You, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with You.**

Reader: Search me, O God and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts;

People: **and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN	<i>"Sanctuary"</i>	(Insert)
SERMON	<i>"What About That Furnace of Fire?"</i>	
	the Rev. Terry Washburn	

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: Friends, Holy Scripture tells us that all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Given such a divine affirmation, let us give offerings of thanksgiving!

People: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY	<i>"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"</i>	Tom Birchwood
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* DOXOLOGY	Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;	#623
	Praise Him, all creatures here below;	
	Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;	
	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

Leader: Loving and ever-present God, receive these tithes and offerings, our worship, and our lives to Your service; in Jesus’ name.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

*** HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"* **#295**
(Please be seated after the hymn.)

CHARGE

Leader: Go forth as beloved children of God, living in hope and confident in God's promises.

(Please remain seated.)

POSTLUDE *Bourree from Suite No. 1 in F Major "Water Music"* G.F. Handel

MINISTRY OF THE ACOLYTES

*The Light of Christ Precedes Us Into the World
To Love Our Neighbor and Serve One Another.*

* BLESSING

Pastor: May God our parent, Christ our brother, and the Spirit Who gives us breath bless you and keep you this day and forevermore.

* DISMISSAL MUSIC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, July 20: Dishwasher Training, 4:30 p.m. / Session, 7 p.m., Executive Presbyter, Lisa Allgood

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, July 21-23: VBS!!! 5:30 p.m.—8 p.m.

Sunday, July 26: 8:30 a.m. worship in sanctuary; VBS Program @ 10:00 a.m. / Back-To-School Bash (after 10 a.m. service)

Praises and Concerns

FLOWERS: Ritch & Tara Butler in honor of Tripp Mosley's birthday

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jane Stowers (19th), Lydia Polstra (20th), Lesley Lightner (23rd), Audrie Collins (25th)

JOYS: Dennis Washburn, successful surgery; Successful surgery for Josh Cope; Bill Rogers, successful hip surgery; Susan Long home from the hospital and wearing heart monitor; Bruce Free has been accepted into the transplant program at Ohio State (need to find a donor); New pictures are up on the bulletin board (baptism of Beau Butler, youth group schedule, pictures of Father's Day and baseball at Dayton Dragons).

The church sent the following to church camp this summer: Myla Jordan; Jesslyn Swearingen; Claire Pierson; Morgan Kratzmeier; Kate Kratzmeier; Kaleigh Pleasure; Janessa Captain; Reece Sprinkle; Zaylenna Burns; Chloe Pierson (High School camp); Gracie Keen and June Meachem (camp 3,4,5).

Myles Jones and Lydia Pierson at Safari Camp this past week; Myles Jones (Discovery Camp); Myles Jones and Teresa Cumbo will be going to Beginner Camp starting July 23rd. This past week Ethan Clouser was at camp.

A wonderful time at Long's Retreat this past Monday, an outing which rewarded the youth who finished their Bible Book study.

Congratulations to 4-H award winners at this past Tuesday's Awards Ceremony. Among those recognized were Hanna West, Dwight Phillip Hamilton, and Teresa Cumbo.

CONCERNS: In our Prayers: Bob Brown's Family and Friends at his passing July 7. A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 4:00 p.m., at the Southern State Community College Auditorium. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the start of the service.

Cheryl Robinson; Joyce Sparks, surgery July 29th; Pam Kelch; Caleb Winters; George Eichenlaub; Jenna Winters; Joel Smith; Diana Jones; Jessica Polstra; Deployed to the Mid-East, Zane Adams & Alex Butler; Roger Smith; Jay Cooper; Cindy White; Lesley Lightner; Julie Lightner; Jean Carson; Debbie & David El-lison; Jane Cameron; Paula Cutright; Wendell Sparks; Pauline Cameron; Kendall Free; Carmen Bourne; Pat Bujnocki; Sally Rogers; Dennis Schelling; Jerry Crawford; Bob Lightner; Evelyn Osman; and travel mercies.