

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 26, 2026

The Ninth 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

"Adagio Espressivo"

Robert Schumann

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

Pastor: Blessed be God Whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

People: Whose love has conquered death.

Pastor: Blessed be God Who orders our way and guides our steps,

People: Who leads us into life.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Lynette Hamilton, Director

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins
to the One Who searches us and knows us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We confess that we have turned away from You and have not lived
with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow You. Guide our
feet to walk in Your ways and serve Your world to the glory of Your
name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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**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 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

the Rev. Terry Washburn

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. Let us offer our gifts this day, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

OFFERTORY

"Pavane"

Robert C. Wilson

*** 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

Pastor: We dedicate our lives to You this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of Your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank You for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of Your realm.

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 KING-
DOM, AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

Praises and Concerns

FLOWERS:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rob Smith (29th) & Nathan Puckett (1st)

JOYS: Bill Rogers, successful hip surgery

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

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** and **razors** during the month of **August**. 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.

*** HYMN**

Bronwyn Jones, Song Leader

"Victory in Jesus"

(Back of bulletin)

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

CHARGE

Pastor: By the power of the Holy Spirit God has given you the gift of discernment to resist evil, choose what is good, and guide your feet in the way of peace.

(Please remain seated.)

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

Robert Schumann

MINISTRY OF THE ACOLYTES

The Light of Christ Precedes Us Into the World

To Love Our Neighbor and Serve One Another.

*** BLESSING**

Pastor: May the God of creation, liberation, and illumination bless you this day and always.

*** DISMISSAL MUSIC**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Today, July 26: Back-To-School Bash (after 10 a.m. service)

ATTENDANCE:

Worship Attendance for **July 19:** 8:30 a.m. - **42** & 10:00 a.m. – **44**

FINANCE REPORT: Weekly Budget Needs: \$2,400 / Last Week's Tithes: **\$1,073**

