

First Presbyterian Church

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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth 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

"Hiding In Thee" Anna Laura Paige/Sankey

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

OPENING WORDS (Responsive)

John Jones , Liturgist

Leader: When we look to the rock from which we were cut, and to the quarry from which we were dug, we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them and made them many!

People: **When we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see Christ, the Son of the living God. Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones. God's house will stand forever!**

DISMISSAL OF YOUTH TO JUNIOR CHURCH

TEACHERS: Jenna Winters (Jr. Church); Madison Karnes (Teen Class)

*** HYMN**

Bronwyn Jones, Song Leader

"Seek Ye First" **(Back of bulletin)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Brothers and sisters, with hope in the mercies of God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of Your kingdom.

People: We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.

Leader: We exalt possessions and power, when You alone are to be exalted.

People: We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, we pray.

People: Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to You, discerning and doing Your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

People: God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

* 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

Leader: Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to Me, My people, and give heed to Me, My nation, for a teaching will go out from Me and My justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near My deliverance swiftly; My salvation has gone out, and My arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for Me, and for My arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but My salvation will be forever, and My deliverance will never be ended.

THE PSALTER

Madeline Rogers, Reader

Psalms 138:1-8

Reader: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

People: **I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

Reader: for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

People: **On the day I called, You answered me, You strengthened my life.**

Reader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise You, O Lord,

People: **for great is the glory of the Lord.**

Reader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;

People: **yet knows the haughty from afar.**

Reader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

People: **You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies and Your right hand delivers me.**

Reader: O Lord, fulfill Your purpose for me;

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 **razors** for the clients of Samaritan Outreach 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.

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Dine & Donate! Youth fundraiser at Wendy's, 5-8 p.m. (see flyer in Fellowship Rm. for more details)

Please make plans to be with us in worship next Sunday as we will be blessed in having Dusty Barrett with us.

Dusty is a well-known Christian performer in music and has blessed many with his God-given talent across the nation.

Dusty will also present the message in the 10 a.m. service. All are encouraged to experience a special blessing next week.

Hope to see you in church.

[A love offering will be received for Dusty.]

ATTENDANCE:

Worship Attendance for **August 16:** 8:30 a.m. - **36** & 10:00 a.m. – **44**

FINANCE REPORT: Weekly Budget Needs: \$2,400 / Last Week's Tithes: **\$951**

Praises and Concerns

FLOWERS: In honor of Miles Mosley's birthday by Ritch & Tara Butler

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carlee Puckett (24th) & Miles Mosley (27th)

CONCERNS: Family & friends of Dee West at her passing; Family and friends of Brent Furnish at his passing; The people of the following countries which are engaged in warfare or under attack or threatened: Ukraine; Russia; Romania; Poland; Lithuania; Estonia; Latvia; Turkey; Syria; Egypt; Israel; Iran; Jordan; Kuwait; Bahrain; United Arab Emirates; Saudi Arabia; Oman; Qatar; Taiwan. Special Note: The people of the Gaza strip; the West Bank; Lebanon and Sudan; Countries suffering loss of life and damage from earthquakes: Colombia; Indonesia; Japan; Venezuela; Countries suffering from great property loss and lives lost from wildfires: Canada; France; Spain; the United States [particularly the Northwestern and Western states]; Pray for Hawaii recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Lala; Randy Kesling; Joyce Sparks; Pam Kelch; Caleb Winters; George Eichenlaub; Diana Jones; Jessica Polstra; Deployed to

People: **O Lord, may Your steadfast love endure for ever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-8

Pastor: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*** HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but My Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then He sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Joy and Gladness Will Be Found In Her"
 the Rev. Terry Washburn

*** HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* **#514**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: God has given us gifts to share: prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need.

OFFERTORY *"Jewels When He Cometh"* Lani Smith

*** 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**

Pastor: Gracious God, we thank You for the measure of faith You have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be Your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ.

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** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* **#138**

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

CHARGE

Leader: Jesus asks each of us: Who do you say that I am? Answer His question, this day and all your days, in every word you speak, with every action you perform.

(Please remain seated.)

POSTLUDE *"We All Believe In One True God"* Martin Luther

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 Who restores, Christ Who calls, and the Spirit Who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.

DISMISSAL MUSIC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Today, Aug. 23: Foster Care kits are due

Friday, Aug. 28: Crafters, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30: Sundaes & Scripture Day [Youth Classes]

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Property Mtg., 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3: Artisan Guild Mtg., 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 6: Highland Co. Fair begins (6th-12th)

Monday, Sept. 7: LABOR DAY, Office Closed

Friday, Sept. 11: Patriot Day

Sunday, Sept. 13: Fellowship Mtg., 9 a.m. [Grandparents’ Day]

Sunday, Sept. 20: P.J.’s & Praise Sunday! (See flyer on bulletin board in Fellowship Rm.)