



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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HEAR ME,
HELP ME

AUGUST 3, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | July 27, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Andante in D"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #743

"O God, You Are My God"

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Steve McRae

Prayer of Confession

Majestic God, today we confess our lack of trust in you. We struggle to believe in your goodness; we are quick to forget your faithfulness. When trouble and hardship surround us, we run to anyone but you. But you invite the cries of our hearts. You want to be the one we run to in search of comfort and protection. In Christ you have forgiven our many sins and loved us with an undying love. Restore in us a deep trust in your good and eternal love. Hear now our silent confessions. (Our prayer continues in silence.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Anthem

"Psalm of Hope"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Andrea Ramsey

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Kellie Pfaff Perkins

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"You Raise Me Up"

Annalise Sears, soloist

Lovland and Graham,

arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

ERFREUEN

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

Time for Children

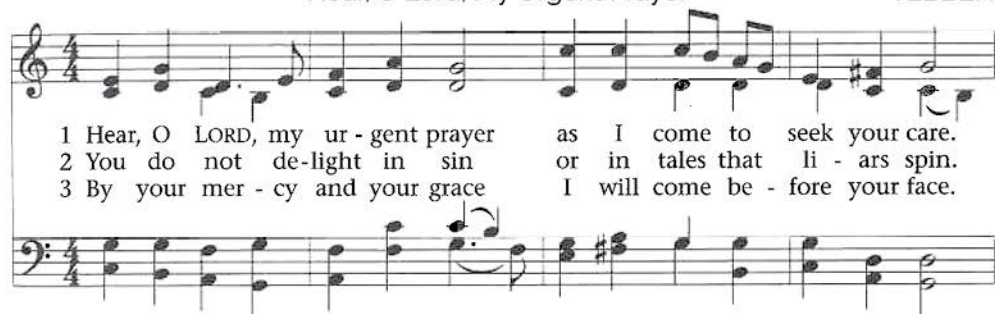
Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

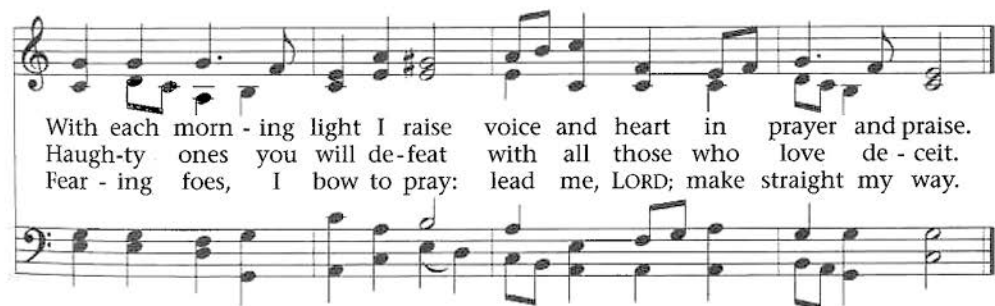
Romans 12:14-21 & Psalm 5

"Hear, O Lord, My Urgent Prayer"

TEBBEN



1 Hear, O LORD, my ur - gent prayer as I come to seek your care.
2 You do not de-light in sin or in tales that li - ars spin.
3 By your mer - cy and your grace I will come be - fore your face.



With each morn - ing light I raise voice and heart in prayer and praise.
Haugh-ty ones you will de-feat with all those who love de - ceit.
Fear - ing foes, I bow to pray: lead me, LORD; make straight my way.

4 Save me from deceitful ways;
liars' throats are open graves.
Make them bear their guilt, O LORD,
for by choice they spurn your word.

5 Let those trusting you sing praise;
grant them joy to fill their days.
Those who always seek the right
are protected by your might.

Message

"Hear Me, Help Me"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Go Now In Peace"

Besig and Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

"Psalm XX"

Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ Children's Church is available for elementary age children and younger, and meets in room 118 of the Nursery Wing. Childcare is available for all worship services in the Nursery Wing

**Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts, the Message Seekers class.**

Today's Flowers

*The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God by
Mark and Janice Luce and in thanksgiving for
all our loved ones past and present.*

*The Chapel flowers today are give to the glory of God
by the Chapel Flower Guild.*

Giving & Tithes

Contributions help us continue our ministry and mission to serve Christ and share His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach. Scan the code to the right to make a financial contribution -or- visit www.firstprez.com/give



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HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Choir Council Meeting

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 4

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, August 5

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. C. E. Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 6

- 2 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 9

- 9 a.m. Hands on Mission Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 10 • Mini Mission Conference speakers
- Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social
- Aug 12 • Finance Committee Meeting
- Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Aug 13 • End of Summer Pool Party
- Aug 17 • Summer Choir Rehearsal
- Aug 18 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Aug 19 • Stated Session Meeting
- Aug 24 • Rally Day
- Pancake Breakfast
- Back to School Blessing
- Children's Anniversary Rehearsal
- Aug 25 • David's Mighty Men
- Aug 26 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Aug 29 • Lowlanders Meeting
- Sep 1 • Church Office closed
- H3 F Birthday Bash
- Sep 2 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- Sep 3 • All In Fellowship Meals begin
- Adult Christian Education classes begin
- Sep 7 • 225th Anniversary Celebration
- Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. Youth begin
- Historical Scavenger Hunt



Mini Mission Conference

Saturday, August 9 & Sunday, August 10

Our theme for this Summer's Conference focuses on the question asked of John the Baptist by a crowd of followers, "What should we do?" His reply was simple, both then and now: John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

Saturday, August 9

9 a.m. - Hands-on Mission Activities for all ages.

These mission activities will benefit some of our Local Mission Partners!

Sunday, August 10

9 a.m. - Mission themed Worship Service in the Chapel.

10 a.m. - Presentation with Connections of Cumberland County featuring information about their new "Transitional Housing Program" for unhoused women.

11 a.m. - Mission themed Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

Following the 11 a.m. service - Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social

The social will be in Fellowship Hall and hosted by members of the Mission Committee. Representatives from some of our Local Mission Partners will be on hand to share information about how each of us might support them as they serve the less fortunate in our community.



Please RSVP for the Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social.
Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCHotDog



End of Summer Bash at the Pool for Families!

Wednesday, August 13

5 to 7:30 P.M.

at Highland Country Club

Pool, splash pad & lifeguards on duty.

Don't forget your swimsuit, towels & sunscreen!



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Chicken fingers, watermelon & chips will be provided.

Guardians of younger children, please plan to stay.

RSVP by August 10. Scan the QR Code or
visit bit.ly/PoolParty25

All families are welcome-invite your friends!



"Come, Children, And Join In Our Festival Song" - Rehearsal and Lunch

Sunday, August 24 - 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Elementary-Aged Children, Youth, Handchime, and Handbell ringers are invited to learn some very special music for the 225th anniversary worship celebration!

Meet for pizza lunch in the activity room, then rehearsal for all in the choir room.

Rally Day & Back-to-School Blessing Sunday, August 24

Register
for the
pancake
breakfast!

Join us as we kick-off the fall season of ministry and learning
with a joyful day of worship, fellowship, and celebration!

9 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Kids will create a teacher's gift.

11 a.m. Back-to-School Blessing

Register for the Pancake Breakfast online at
bit.ly/FPC2025KickOff or scan the QR Code.



PICKLEBALL IS COMING TO FIRST PREZ!

Join us for **Courtside Connections** — a fun, social pickleball night for all skill levels!

Thursdays starting September 11

6 to 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Courtside Connections is open to youth (middle school & up) and adults,
and includes a short devotional each week.

We Need Your Help! To launch this ministry, we're looking for:

- Facilitators to help organize
- Equipment donations: paddles, balls, portable net
- Monetary donations to purchase 2 nets

Drop off donations at Britany Spivey's office or contact her to get involved.

Help us grow a community of fellowship, fun, and faith!

Community Caring in Action: *Help Walker Spivey Kids Start School Strong*

Local Relief Missions will be attending the Walker Spivey Elementary School Open House this August to support families in need. We are collecting school supplies for the 2025–2026 school year and want to ensure that every student starts the year with the tools they need to succeed. **We need your help!**

We're gathering the following supplies to distribute to families who may not be able to afford them. Every donation makes a difference!

Donations can be dropped off outside of the Snack Kit room (#416).

STUDENT NEEDS:

School Book Bags/Backpacks
Pencils
Pencil Pouches
Pencil Sharpeners
Erasers
24ct Crayons
Colored Pencils
Highlighters
Children's Scissors
Compositions Books
Post It Notes
Ruled Notebook Paper
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

TEACHER WISH LIST:

Kleenex
Quart Ziploc Bags
Gallon Ziploc Bags
Disinfectant Wipes
Band Aids



THE SNACK KIT MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we are in need of support in providing snack kits for students of Walker Spivey Elementary School. With your help, we can ensure every student has access to the nourishment they need to succeed.

SNACK KIT ITEMS NEEDED 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Campbell's Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup 10.75 oz cans
- Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli 15 oz. cans
- Dole Cherry Mixed Fruit Bowls, 4 oz. cups
- Kool-Aid Jammers Juice Pouches, 6 fl. oz.
- Kraft Original Macaroni and Cheese Easy Microwavable Dinner, 2.05 oz.
- Nutri-Grain Bars, 1.3 oz. individually wrapped bars
- Pop-Tarts, Frosted, 2 pastries per package
- Quaker Instant Oatmeal Pack, 1.51 oz. (any flavor)
- Snack Pack 3.25 oz. Pudding Cups
- Van Camp's Beanee Weenee 7.75 oz. cans
- Welch's Mixed Fruit Snacks, 0.8 oz. pouches
- Yoo-hoo Chocolate Drink, 6.5 oz. drink boxes
- Ziploc Gallon Storage Bags



Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in Eller Hall or upstairs near the Snack Kit room (#416).



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ARE YOU A FIRST TIME VISITOR?

We'd love to connect with you!

Be sure to fill out a Connect Card and put it in the offering plate or leave it with the pastor on your way out. We also have a gift for you!

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Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Sanctuary

Our mission at First Presbyterian Church is to *serve* Jesus Christ and *share* His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach within our community and throughout the world.

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