



# First Presbyterian Church

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 06, 2026, 11:00 AM



\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: *Dennis and Cathy Duncan, Andrew Heath and Ruddy Alaniz Molina, Jackie Davis, and Ron Hayes.*

VOLUNTARY: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Mark Sedio*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Kaite Long, Liturgist*

ONE: A new song awaits us;

**ALL: God's Spirit is coming.**

ONE: We can hear the music; we're ready to move!

**ALL: God's praise will be on our lips!**

ONE: Neighbors from far and wide will pour out from their doorways.

**ALL: God's joy will be alive in the streets;**

ONE: friends and strangers will gather.

**ALL: All will rejoice;**

ONE: together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace

**ALL: as we turn our hearts toward the justice of the Lord.**

### \*OPENING HYMN:

Let's Sing unto the Lord

**#669**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Let us lay aside the works of evil and put on the armor of goodness. Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we confess now, saying...

**ALL: Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

**ALL: We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Rev. Katie Long*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

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THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20

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ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN:

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

## INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ave verum corpus

*Camille Saint-Saëns*

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine;  
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Jesus, Word of God incarnate, born of the virgin Mary,  
On the cross Your sacred body was crucified for all of us.  
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from your pierced side;  
Feed us with your body now, and in our time of death.

## OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

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**ALL: 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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

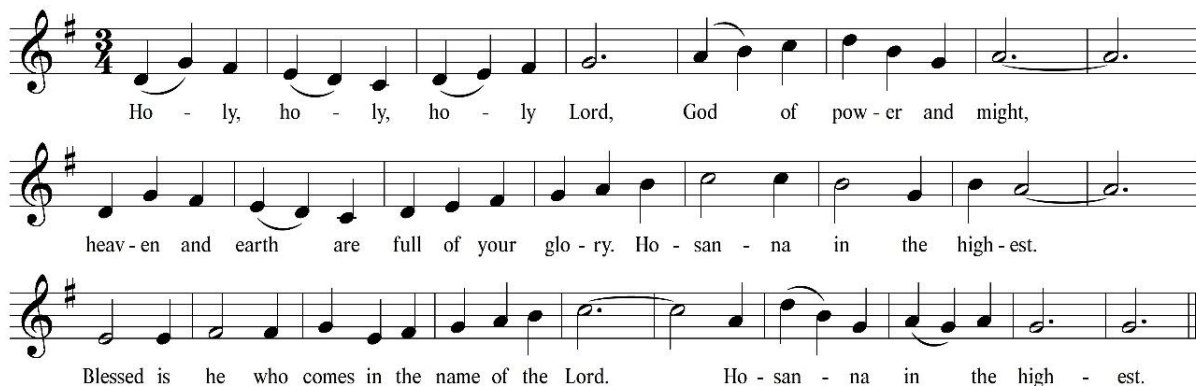
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**ONE:** ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### 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.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Heeding the Call

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