



First Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Outreach & Mission

VOLUNTARY: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Paul Thurmond

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Katie Long, Liturgist

ONE: O taste and see:

ALL: God is good.

*OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!" We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!" We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just, saying...

ALL: God of all goodness, We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

ALL: Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

*GLORIA PATRI

#581

ALL: 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: Genesis 45:1-15

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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ANTHEM: Devotion

John Ness Beck

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer to thy precious, bleeding side.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

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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: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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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.

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**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.

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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Vigil

Gilbert M. Martin

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

**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

*CLOSING HYMN:

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE:

Gravement

J.F. Dandrien

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Book Study** – Dinner 5:15pm, study 6pm, *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evens, Led by Rev. Long.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Sunday** – Dinner 5:15pm, study 6pm, Book of *Revelation*, Led by Rev. McLaughlin.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – July 29, 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

CLERK: Chris McCormick

DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
Wiley
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

BIRTHDAYS:

Smith, Eric 08/05
Fulcher, Katie 08/08
Wilhelm, Albert 08/11
Koci, Ezra 08/12
McGee, John 08/12
Duryee, Graham 08/16

Pate, Wyrick 08/16
Lawson, Tony 08/21
Chisam, Dustin 08/29
Remmert, Ava 08/29
Brady, Robert 08/30
Randolph, Bill 08/31

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music
Michelle Dore'Interim SoulSong Coordinator
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