



First Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Robert J. Powell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rory Womack, Liturgist

ONE: Come by here, our Lord,

ALL: come by here.

*OPENING HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#367

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds. Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not overcome with evil, saying...

ALL: Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

ALL: Thanks be to 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 28:10-19a **P.24**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:12-25 **P.147**

SOLO: Trust In You
Lauren Daigle
Violet Marsee, soloist

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 **P.14**

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: He Is King of Kings **#273**

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*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.**

#306

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:

A Quiet Reflection

R. Kevin Boesiger

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:

Live into Hope

#772

*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE:

He Is King of Kings

Colin Curtis

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library. All are welcome.
- **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** – Aug. 5, *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evens, Led by Rev. Long, in Fellowship Hall.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Sunday** – Aug. 5, Book of *Revelation*, Led by Rev. McLaughlin, in Fellowship Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** – July 29, 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

SUMMER RECESS – Our Choir, Religion & Culture class, Faithful Living class, and Wednesday Night Bible Study and dinner are currently on summer recess. We look forward to returning in August!

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:

Koci, David	07/02
Kaller, Geraldine	07/03
Wiley, Jonathan	07/08
Hogan, Susan	07/15
Theilacker, Gayle	07/18
Hayes, Ann	07/19
Dore, Michelle Sowell-	07/20

Wilhelm, Pat	07/21
Woods, Amy	07/21
McCormick, Chris	07/24
McLaughlin, True	07/27
Hogan, Wayne	07/29
Trent, Wilder	07/30
Thurmond, Anne	07/31

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
Amy Ainsley.....	Office Administrator

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