



First Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 09, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Worship

Donna Simpson, Chair

VOLUNTARY:

I Love to Tell the Story

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come Jesus, come.

Ann Maier, Liturgist

ALL: We welcome your presence.

*OPENING HYMN:

How Firm a Foundation

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better, to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly. Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey, saying...

ALL: Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

ALL: We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

*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!**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Long

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

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ANTHEM: What Wondrous Love

Drew Collins, arr.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul;
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

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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: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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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.**

#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:

Cantabile

J.H. Knecht

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:

Take, O Take Me as I Am
(We will sing the hymn twice.)

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE:

The Zeal of the Lord

Anthony Giamanco

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
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