



First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF MONTEREATERS

VOLUNTARY: Prelude on “St. Anne”

Alfred V. Fedak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The windows of heaven are open;

ALL: let us receive God’s abundance.

Lucy Moore, Liturgist

*OPENING HYMN: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE As much as we try not to stray: we do. As much as we try to follow God’s word: we don’t. As we continue on this journey, let us seek God’s forgiveness, saying...

ALL: O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, Help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

ALL: The Spirit of God dwells within us. 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

Kelly Appleton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SOLO: Walk Together Children

*Moses Hogan, arr.
Chelsea Holland, solo*

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

*SERMON HYMN: You Shall Go Out with Joy

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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.**

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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: Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul

Fred Bock

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: O Word of God Incarnate

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE: Festive Praise

George Blake

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.

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 with a fresh lineup of intriguing studies designed to spark meaningful conversation and deepen your faith journey. Stay tuned for details!

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
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