

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

*Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 103 Suzanne Paysinger

As a loving father has compassion for all his children, so God cares for us.

With all that we have, we praise God's holy name.

The Lord blesses us with never-failing love.

God fills our lives with good gifts every day.

Let us worship God.

*Father's Day Hymn This is My Father's World #370

Celebration of Vacation Bible School 2024 and Camp Firelight "Anthem"

*Call to Confession Suzanne Paysinger

The prophet Isaiah promises that, though our sins are red like scarlet, God's grace will make them white as snow. Trusting in God's kindness, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our loving God, all of us fall short of your goodness. Sometimes we hesitate when you call us to be active. Too often we make excuses and fail to follow where you lead. We focus on our own desires instead of serving neighbors. Please forgive our selfishness. Help us to love others as you have loved us. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has the lyrics "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Chords are indicated below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second staff; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third staff.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, as the Waiting Father watched for the prodigal child to come home, Jesus came to seek and save all who are lost. Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Suzanne Paysinger

Our Gracious God, we pray that your Word will be a light for our feet and a lamp for our path. We ask this In Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Genesis 12: 1-5 Suzanne Paysinger
p. 11

Second Reading Romans 12: 4-8 Dr. Kling
p. 1,123

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Ready To Serve" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Unison
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.

*Hymn of Discipleship We Are All One in Mission #733

Prayers of The People Dr. Kling

The Lord's Prayer Unison

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 Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Kling

Offertory Dr. Crowell

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication Dr. Kling

*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Dr. Kling

"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

*Hymn of Sending Be Thou My Vision #450

*Charge and Benediction Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

As God's people we all say,

Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Dr. Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele Stephen Toney (Home)
Susie Fogg (Home) Jac Catlett
Sharon Massey Diane Lynn (Health)
Rene Brown (Healing) Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard Michael Ress – USAF –AZ
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother-in-law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Dawn (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem

Trustees

Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd	
<u>PNC</u>			
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Suzanne Paysinger

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

June 16th- Suzanne Paysinger
June 23rd- Jennifer Quillen

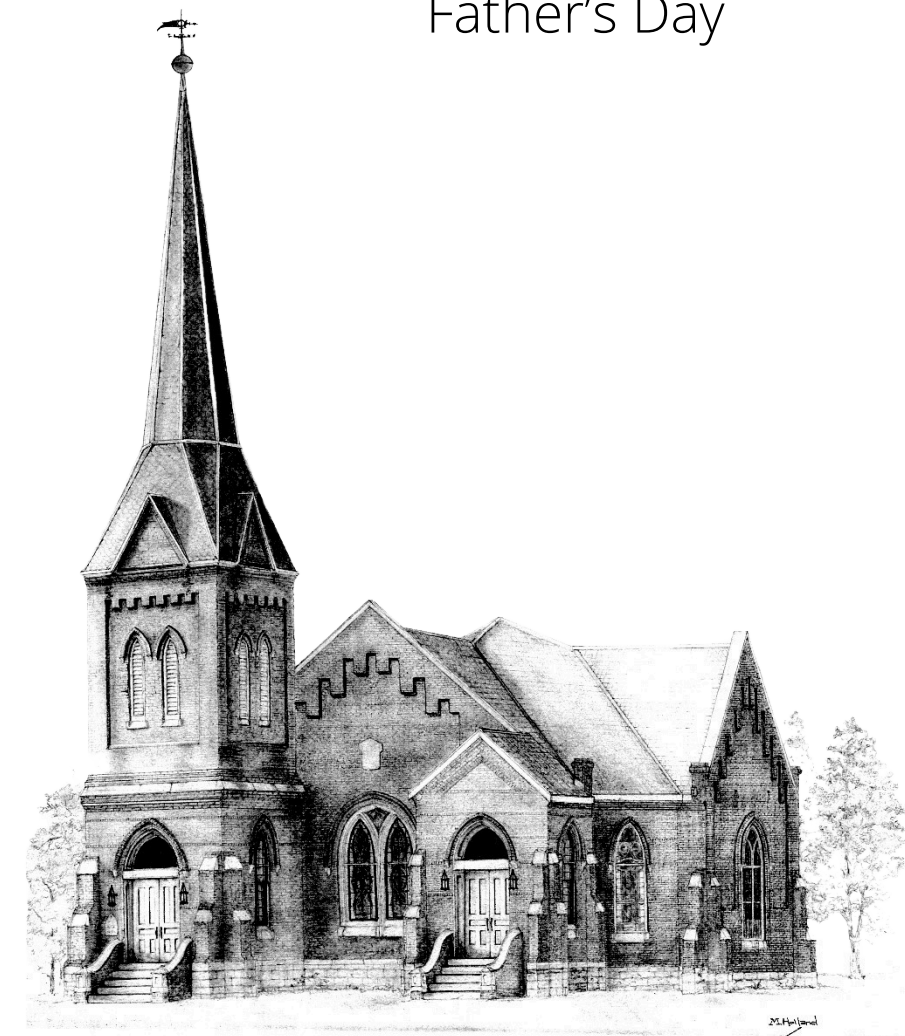
Communion Prep:

July 7th Stephen Ware

Prayer Family

Prayers of Thanks
for all
First Presbyterian
Church Father's

June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day



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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.