

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Fairest Lord Jesus	Arr. David Schwoebel
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Jim Truesdell
* Call to Worship	Psalm 111:1-4	Katherine Greene

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.

Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.
Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.

*Hymn	Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty	#35
*Prayer		Katherine Greene

Sacrament of Baptism

Fitzhugh Jackson Mallette

Presentation

DeAnna McNeill

Affirmations

*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.

Thanksgiving Over The Water

Baptism

Welcome

*Hymn	Baptized In the Water	#482
* Sharing the Peace of Christ		Pastor Truesdell
	Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	

We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Truesdell

Blessing of Backpacks

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don’t understand.**

First Reading	Matthew 20:25-28 Pg. 977	Katherine Greene
	Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus. All: Praise to you Lord Christ.	

Anthem

Holy is the Lord

Arr. Fred Bock

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 1-11
Pg. 1161

Pastor Truesdell

Sermon

What Type of People Serve
This Kind of LORD?

Pastor Truesdell

We Respond to God's Grace

Prayers of The People

Pastor Truesdell

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

Offertory

Chorale

Michael Larkin

*Doxology

Unison

**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

Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#546

*Charge

Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude

Joy in My Soul

Mark Hayes

***Stand if you are able**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle’s uncle)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)
Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)
Widower Heath, Children Bess and David (Grieving Laura Christopher, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)
Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)
Macie Garrett (Healing, 12 years old, great niece of Christy Arnett)
Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)
Phillip Love (Healing, family member of Jan Ruth)
Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. 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!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter’s hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12. Stop by the Farmer’s Market and see how we raise funds for people in need.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.

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Session

Class of 2026:	Tom Clem Cindy Whitt Stephen Ware Price Boyd
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Class of 2028:	Hal Baker Brad Greene Sharon Hand Jerry Witt
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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.
To sign up for flowers, call the church office.



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12th Sunday After Pentecost



Be with Jesus.
Become like Jesus.
Do what Jesus did.

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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.