



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Janet Adams, liturgist

June 28, 2026

Andrew Morris, organ

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Friendship Pads:** Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

**Cards of Encouragement:** Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

**Congregational Introit**

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*  
W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Glory to God #410**

**Call to Worship**

One: Holy, Holy God,

**All: Giver of Life, Source of Hope,**

One: Present in all our questions,

**All: Hidden in every "Why?"**

One: Holy, Holy God,

**All: Walking through every valley,**

One: Wiping away every tear,

**All: Blessing each precious memory,**

One: Letting pass each cry of anger,

**All: Working for a new day and a renewed song;**

One: Holy, Holy God,

**All: Giver of Life, our Source of Hope and Peace.**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Glory to God #645**

\* **Call To Confession**

Janet Adams, liturgist

One: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession:

\* **Prayer of Confession**

Janet Adams, liturgist

**Holy and loving God, anger is often our weak spot. It fuels our resentments. It prevents us from letting go. It feeds our self-righteousness. We cling to anger as if it could save us, hoping it will protect us from pain and loss. But, it is all folly. Salvation is in trusting you to make all things right. Hope is found in keeping our eyes on you and on what you have done for us, rather than on others and how they have let us down. Forgive our short-sighted and self-inflicted foolishness, Lord. Restore us in love and grace to trust you in all things.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\* **Pouring the Water**

\* **Words of Forgiveness**

Janet Adams, liturgist

One: God is with us. God brings us peace and forgiveness. God brings us opportunities new and fresh every day!

- \* **Passing the Peace** Janet Adams, liturgist  
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
*(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*
- \* **Hymn** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
 Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*
- Prayer of Illumination** Janet Adams, liturgist  
**We sit at your feet, O Lord. Lead us in the ways of your truth. Teach us how to be your blessed community. Amen.**
- Gospel Reading** Mark 11:15-19 Janet Adams, liturgist
- Special Music** *Sonata in A Minor Larghetto - Allegro* Joy Laird, flute; Paul Laird, cello  
 G.F. HANDEL Andrew Morris, piano
- Psalter Reading** Psalm 137
- Sermon** *"Imprecatory Psalms"* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** *By the Babylonian Rivers* **Glory to God #72**  
 KAS DZIEDAJA
- Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (as translated by the Maori people)  
**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and that shall be,  
 Father and Mother of us all,  
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:**  
**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**  
**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**
- Call to Offertory**
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- \* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God all creatures here below  
 Praise God above ye heav'nly host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*
- \* **Prayer of Dedication**
- \* **Affirmation of Faith**  
**As one people, with one voice, we affirm our faith in God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is.**

From frozen arctic ice caps to flowering desert cacti, from microbes and quarks to vast galaxies, God intricately knit our universe together. The laws of physics and mathematics, the multiplicity of languages and cultures, the precision of our bodies, the wealth of wisdom from poets, philosophers, artists and dreamers speak to the awesome power, incomparable intelligence and the unfathomable mystery of God. This is the God who loves us. This is the God we were made to enjoy. This is the God we serve. All glory and praise to God!

\* Closing Hymn

*When Peace like a River*  
VILLE DU HAVRE

*Glory to God #840*

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

\* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

### Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded, please **email us at [linda@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:linda@firstpreslawrence.org)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

### Prayer List

#### *Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- **Bruce Humphreys**, stepfather of Robert Mugridge, died June 20. He is also survived by Robert's mother, former FPC member, Mary Morris.
- **Jan Roth** is home after a fall and a broken arm.
- **Caroll Tucker** died on Saturday, May 23 while in hospice care in Utah. Services will be held at FPC on August 15.
- **Ann McMillian**, mother of **Annette Camlin**, has moved to Hospice House in Omaha, NE. Prayers for her family as they face this time of sadness.
- **Kristi McAlister** continues to receive cancer treatments as part of a clinical trial. Both Kristi and Pat McAlister (her mother) are grateful for our continued prayers and support.
- **Betty Thomas**, **Joy Laird's** mother, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, completed radiation and is now taking chemo.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Sammie Locke** is receiving hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison has ALS and has entered a clinical trial which has proven helpful to her. They are encouraged. Thank you for your prayer support.

### Sunday Helpers

**Ushers:** Charles and Jennifer Tuttle  
**Greeters:** Carolyn and Allan Williams  
**South Door Greeter:** Judy Wilson  
**Offering:** Suzanne Galle and Larry Flottman  
**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson  
**Bag Brigade Volunteer:**

### Birthdays in the Congregation

June 29	July 1
Polly Miranda	Ryan McCallister
Floyd Schmidt	July 2
June 30	Beth Flitcraft
Thad Holcombe	July 3
July 1	Sharon Rankin
Leann Gross	

### Deacon Family Groups – 2026

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

### Calendar

June 28	8:30 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
July 1	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
July 2	6:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
July 3	10:00 am	Church Office Closed for Holiday Men's Group
July 5	10:30 am	Worship

### Sunday School Classes for Children

- Mark your calendars for August 9 and our Kick-Off Sunday.
- Watch the newsletter and website for Summer opportunities.

### Adult and Youth Sunday School

- Put our Kick-Off Sunday – August 9 – on your calendar now!

### Youth and Adult Activities

The Youth are collecting items that help others. You can help too!

*Homeless Resource Center*



Single Serve Snacks  
These will be given to guests at the Center.

*Lawrence Community Shelter*



New or gently used socks!



**family promise welcome gift project**

Sunday, July 12 during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:30 AM)

Join us during the Sunday School hour to create simple appreciation gifts, thank-you cards, and welcome items for Family Promise families, volunteers, and donors.

**For our next project** we will be looking for donations of single serving snacks to share with the guests of the Homeless Resource Center AND new or gently used adult sized socks for the Lawrence Community Shelter. Questions? Call Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713

**Sign up today to be creative with us! On July 12 at 9:00 am** we will make some appreciation gifts for our friends staying with Family Promise and those working and volunteering with the organization.

**Summer Sermon Series** We are going to be spending the summer with the Psalter. The Psalms will guide our worship this summer as we look to the ways the psalms speak about our experiences and emotions.

**Pastor Helen's Monday Class** is currently taking a break for July and will resume classes on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Summer Education Opportunity: Historical Perspectives on Indigenous Boarding Schools

The Matthew 25 cohort has been looking over the surveys many of you submitted several months ago asking about your knowledge and interaction of Haskell Indian Nations University and your wishes to be allies to the Indigenous people in our community. We are beginning with the request that we need to better educate ourselves about indigenous history and treatment by governmental policies. We are starting with a book study using the book Education for Extinction: American Indians and the Boarding School Experience, 1875–1928 May 29, 2020 by David Wallace Adams (Author).

After a break while Pastor Helen is on vacation we will meet next on July 15 to study Chapters 4 - 6 in the book.

**Independence Day and the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Nation is July 4, 2026.** Please celebrate safely! The Church Office will be closed in observance of the holiday on Friday, July 3.

***We are thankful for freedom and hungry for justice!***