



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

Helen Hutchison, Pastor  
Charles Tuttle, liturgist

July 7, 2024

**Prelude**

Janet Hart, guest pianist

**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 include your email address if you wish. We invite you to note the names of those sitting near you and greet them before leaving today.

**Cards of Encouragement:** Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

**Introit**

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*  
HOLY GROUND

**Glory to God #406**

**Call to Worship**

One: With glad and grateful hearts,

**All: With thanksgiving**

One: Flowing from sea to shining sea,

**All: We gather this day**

One: To sing a song of praise

**All: To God**

One: For our country,

**All: For our world,**

One: For peace.

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*This Is My Song*  
FINLANDIA

**Glory to God #340**

\* **Call To Confession**

Charles Tuttle, liturgist

One: Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

\* **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Charles Tuttle, liturgist

**O God, this past week we celebrated who we are and where we live. In our pride, make us also humble, for we are aware of our freedom, but also aware that sometimes our freedom and our fortune has cost others theirs. Give us your perspective this day - not only to enjoy celebration but to know that we cannot celebrate fully until the world joins us as a community of care. We lift to you prisoners of conscience, poverty, cruel regimes and places where freedom is just a dream. May we always be a people who remember and work for justice as you would have us do.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\* **Pouring the Water**

\* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Charles Tuttle, liturgist

One: God says, "There is nothing you can do to make me stop loving you." When the truth of those words breaks through, we are transformed. God says, "You are accepted and loved as you are. You don't have to carry around the burdens of the past." We are a new creation through the powerful presence of God's constant love. Amen.

\* **Passing the Peace** Charles Tuttle, 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.*

**Children's Moment** Judy Wilson

**Prayer of Illumination** Charles Tuttle, liturgist  
**God, we ask for your wisdom as we enter into the study of your Word today. We know that the Scriptures can guide us and lead us into knowing you more. We desire that so greatly -- to know you, to know your Son, to know the voice of your Spirit. May your words bring us life and hope today. Amen.**

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 132 Charles Tuttle, liturgist

**Epistle Reading** Hebrews 12:18-29

**Sermon** "Searching for Zion" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

**Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **Glory to God #81**  
AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Prayer of the People**

**Call To Offering**

**Offering** Janet Hart, guest pianist

\* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**  
*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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of institution

Communion of the People

*As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. You will partake of communion at the front and then return to your seats by the south aisle.  
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.*

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

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

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
MATERNA

*Glory to God* #338

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Janet Hart, guest pianist

\* 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; as a long-time member or a first-time guest, 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 [firstpreslawrence@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreslawrence@gmail.com)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you.

## Prayer List

### *Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- Prayers in support of the work of Thomas Lushington and all of the participants at General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **Kelsey Newcomer**, one of our First 5 Years teachers, lost her mother last week. Prayers for her family in their grief.
- **Marshall Crowther** died on June 1 at Brandon Woods. A memorial service is planned for July 13 at 10:30 am at FPC.
- **Earl Huyser** has moved to the nursing floor at Presbyterian Manor. Please note that his phone is only available for family use. Cards and letters are welcome!
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her father, Bill Wallace who has been in and out of the hospital recently. Also, for rest for her mother and sister who have been providing care.
- **Loren Dolezal** is home at Meadowlark Estates.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.

- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.

## Care

### Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca	Charles Tuttle	N-Q	Peggy Southard
Ce-Do	Janet Adams	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Larry Schlosser	SI-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

## Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Heather Soper, Cherie Elo, Pearl Hoover

Greeters: Jan Poulsen

Securing the Offering: Jim Rumsey and Jeff Southard

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Guest Bag Delivery:

Communion: Jeff Southard, b-f mcdonald, Jim Rumsey, Ed Manda, Jan Roth

## Birthdays in the Congregation

July 8	July 11
Sarah Judd	Staphanie Lake
July 9	July 12
Trena Wilson	Larry Flottman
July 11	July 13
Patrick Clancy	Blake Savage

## Calendar

July 7	
9:15 am	Wired Word
10:30 am	Worship
July 9	
6:30 pm	Session Meeting
July 10	
6:30 pm	Presby Pickers Sound Check
7:00 pm	Troop 59 Scout Meeting

6:00 pm Family Fun Night & Ice Cream Social  
July 13  
10:30 am Marshall Crowther Memorial  
1:00 pm Presby Pickers Rehearsal

9:45 am Presby Pickers Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Youth Team Meeting

July 14  
9:15 am Wired Word Class Discussion

### Children and Youth

- **The Family Ministry committee is hosting three Family Fun Nights** throughout the Summer! This will happen once per month on Thursday evenings throughout the Summer months. Next dates are: July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. These fun nights will be Olympic themed so come ready to compete in our very own Olympic Games! Families, singles, couples, grandparents, friends....ALL are welcome!!

### Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Wired Word** is the summer offering for Adult Sunday School. Please join us at 9:15! The class will discuss current topics around a current issue and scripture relating to the issue. Each week new topics will be available for discussion. Come one, come all – to each meeting or those you can attend!

### Adult Offerings during the week

- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library for a time of fellowship (pun intended). Come join the discussion which can cover almost anything! Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at [cftuttle@gmail.com](mailto:cftuttle@gmail.com).
- **Pastor Helen's Monday class** will be scheduling movies for the month of July. Look for the schedule here next week!



**Deacon Love Fund** – On the first Sunday of the month we ask that you consider a gift to the Deacon Love Fund supporting our neighbors and friends who might be experiencing a financial shortfall and need a helping hand. In June your gifts provided rent assistance to four women allowing them to stay in safe housing while they waited for a job, healed from a surgery, or supported their families in other ways. Thank you

for your support of the Love Fund!

### Coming up next Family Fun Night and Ice Cream Social!

Thursday, July 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm we will be playing games and enjoying ice cream. Please RSVP on the Friendship Pad, to the church office (785-843-4171) or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Bring a dessert to share and plan on a great time together!

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## Summer Family Fun Night & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 11th  
6:00pm

Come out for an evening of Olympic themed games & activities and our annual ice cream social event!