



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday After Pentecost

Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Janet Adams, liturgist

June 9, 2024

David Pérez, organist

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 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: God's mighty acts among us are well-known.

All: We are a people of history.

One: God's redemptive acts were epitomized in Christ Jesus.

All: We are a people of faith.

One: God's salvation gives us hope and courage to affect history.

All: We are a people of vision.

One: God cherishes fellowship with us in worship.

All: We are a people of prayer and praise. We are ready to magnify the Lord. May our lives magnify what we have been given, what we are and what, by God's grace, we may become.

* **Hymn of Praise**

Creator of Mountains (vs. 1,3,4)
ST. DENIO

Sing the Faith #2061

* **Call To Confession**

Janet Adams, 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)

Janet Adams, liturgist

Gracious and most merciful God, we forget who you are. We get caught up in our own desires.

We search for an easy way out of human loneliness. We work too hard, we buy things we don't need, we look for love in all the wrong places. We forget that you are always there, O God, waiting for us to come to you. In fact, we often reject your love. Be with us in our wanderings and our hurts. Help us in our misery to find you, and then to tell others about your faithfulness.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Janet Adams, 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**

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.*
- Children's Moment** David Dutcher
- Prayer of Illumination** Janet Adams, 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.
- Epistle Reading** 2 Peter 1:3-12 Janet Adams, liturgist
- Special Music** *How Great Thou Art* Kara Smith, soloist
LLOYD LARSON, arr. David Pérez, pianist
- Gospel Reading** Matthew 10:26-31
- Sermon** *"Denali: Diversity and Adaptability"* Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** *The Earth Belongs to God Alone* **Glory to God #715**
SIMMONS
- 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 Offering**
- Offering** David Pérez, organist
- * **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**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God’s resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three.

We believe in God.

* **Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1, 3)
HANKEY

Glory to God #462

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

David Pérez, 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; 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** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Marshall Crowther** died on June 1 at Brandon Woods. He is survived by his wife, Sandee Crowther and daughters, Carrie Crowther and Cherie Hoover Elo. Service plans are pending.
- **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 is recovering. Hoping for rest for her mother and sister as well.
- **Jean Givens** is home and doing well. She looks forward to moving in July. Prayers for an easy transition.
- **Loren Dolezal** is home at Meadowlark Estates.
- **Kathryn Roblee** is back in her apartment and doing well following knee replacement surgery.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **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	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim Rumsey, Charles and Jennifer Tuttle
Greeters: Carol Smith, Linda Burton, Sandy Groene
Securing the Offering: Mark Shiflett and Jan Roth
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Mugger: Margie Dyck

Birthdays in the Congregation

June 14

Jeff Southard Amber Luckie

Calendar

June 9

9:15 am	Wired Word Adult Class
10:30 am	Worship
11:45 am	Lunch on Sunday Group
11:45 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal

June 10

9:00 am	First 5 Years Summer Camp
10:00 am	Music Search Team

1:15 pm Staff Meeting

June 11
 9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
 6:00 pm Kay Valley Fiber Guild Meeting
 6:30 pm Session Meeting

June 12
 9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59

June 13
 9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp

June 14
 9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
 10:00 am Men's Group

June 15
 8:00 am Den Leader Training
 10:30 am CM/ACM Scout Training

June 16
 9:15 am The Wired Word
 10:30 am Worship

Finance

	Budget	Actual
Gifts – May	\$37,500.00	\$45,100.00
Gifts – 2024 – YTD	\$238,907.00	\$245,701.00

Thank you for your continued support of our work and ministry together. It is never too late to make a pledge or gift to First Presbyterian Church! Go to Online Giving at www.firstpreslawrence.org.

Children and Youth

- **The Family Ministry committee is hosting three Family Fun Nights** throughout the Summer! The first one was this past Thursday – watch for pictures! This will happen once per month on Thursday evenings throughout the Summer months. Next dates are: July 11th and August 8th. 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.
- **Pastor Helen's Monday class** is taking a break during the month of June. Watch here for updates!

On June 16, Pastor Helen will talk about Great Basin National Park in Nevada. The motto of the park is: Half the park is after dark. There is a lot to learn when we are in the dark. How can an exploration of this park help us with the dark in our lives? Or the light What do the scriptures have to say about that? How does that speak to your spirituality? Come and find out – I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

