

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor  
Robert Mugridge, liturgist

August 17, 2025

Prelude

Andrew Morris, organist

#### 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

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*  
HOLY GROUND

**Glory to God #406**  
Andrew Morris, organist

#### Call to Worship

One: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination. For God's creation is not done.

**All: We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.**

One: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

**All: Come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!**

\* Hymn of Praise

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*  
ELLACOMBE

**Glory to God #32**  
Andrew Morris, organist

\* Call To Confession

Robert Mugridge, liturgist

One: Let us in humility and contrition acknowledge and confess our sins toward God and one another. Join me in the prayer of confession:

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Robert Mugridge, liturgist

**God of grace and mercy, you have called us "beloved," but we have refused to believe it. You have called us to follow, but we have dragged our feet. You give us the promise of your gracious presence, but we forget to look for you until we're backed into a corner. You are all the strength we need, but we exhaust ourselves trying to be in charge. O God. mend our broken hearts and defeated spirits, and teach us how to be your faithful disciples. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* Silent Prayers of Confession

\* Pouring the Water

\* Words of Forgiveness

Robert Mugridge, liturgist

One: Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Go, bring hope and peace. Live into faith. Be love. Amen.

\* Passing the Peace

Robert Mugridge, 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	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i> <i>Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i> <i>Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.</i>	GLORIA PATRI
	Children's Moment		Judy Wilson
	Prayer of Illumination		Robert Mugridge, liturgist
	Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.		
	Epistle Reading	Romans 4:20-21	Robert Mugridge, liturgist
	Psalter Reading	Psalm 139:1-18	
	Sermon	"Take Up Trust in God"	Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
	Hymn	<i>God of Our Life</i> SANDON	<b>Glory to God</b> #686 Andrew Morris, organist
	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	<i>With Music I Will Praise Thee</i> NATALIE SLEETH, GIARDINIERE, arr.	Summer Choir Westminster Ringers Andrew Morris, organist
*	The Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>  <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> <i>Praise God all creatures here below</i> <i>Praise God above ye heav'nly host</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost</i>	<b>Glory to God</b> #606
*	Prayer of Dedication		
*	Affirmation of Faith	We believe in God, whose love for us never lets us go. We believe in Jesus Christ, whose life of love we strive to follow. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who makes God's love known to us. We believe in the church, where we gather to pray, to praise, to serve ... and to try again. We believe in the grace of God, which enables us to be a people of hope, joy, service and love. Amen.	

\* **Closing Hymn**

*In the Midst of New Dimension (verses 1,3,4)*  
NEW DIMENSIONS

**Glory to God #315**  
Andrew Morris, organist

\* **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 [firstpreslawrence@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreslawrence@gmail.com)** 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**

- **David Hutchison**, Pastor Helen's father, died on Friday, July 18. Services will be planned for this fall. Prayers for Helen and her mother and sisters.
- **Henry Johns** will have knee replacement surgery on August 21 at LMH. Prayers for a quick recovery!
- **Ed Manda** is home and receiving out-patient rehab on both ankles. Prayers for healing and patience.
- **Earl Huyser** is now receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers for peace.
- **Liz Cloutman** needs our prayers and support as she faces declining health. Also, for husband, Larry.
- **David Laird**, brother of **Paul Laird** has received a recent cancer diagnosis. He lives in Kentucky. Prayers for strength and healing are appreciated.
- **Ted Waiss** has moved to an assisted living facility in Topeka. Prayers for a good transition.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Kelly Grube** had surgery last week at Mayo Clinic. Prayers for strength and a quick recovery.
- **Prayers for Myron Shipley** as he receives treatment for cancer.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke**, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Prayers for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

**Deacon Family Groups - 2025**

A-Ca	Deborah Norwood	N-Q	Sandy Groene
Ce-Do	Joyce Carroll	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Lucille Eggenberger	SI-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

**Sunday Helpers**

**Ushers:** Larry Maxey and Larry Schlosser

**Greeters:** Eva Alley

**South Door Greeter:** Judy Wilson

**Offering:** Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, Jim Rumsey

**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson

**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Dede Dresser

**Birthdays in the Congregation**

<b>August 19</b>	<b>August 21</b>
Drake Hofer	Brock Sindt
	Emily Fischer

**Calendar**

<b>August 17</b>	
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	Income Inequality and the Bible Class
10:30 am	Worship
<b>August 18</b>	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen's Class
<b>August 19</b>	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
12:00 pm	Perkins Lunch Group
6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
<b>August 20</b>	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
5:00 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
<b>August 21</b>	
9:00 pm	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Staff Meeting
5:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting

## August 22

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
10:00 am Men's Group

## August 23

10:00 am Justice Matters Youth Trauma Cmte

## August 24

9:15 am Children's Sunday School  
9:15 am Income Inequality and the Bible Class  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Wedding Reception for Adrian & Justin

### Pastor Helen presents her Summer Sermon Series

#### ***"The Baggage We Carry: What we need to let go of and what we need to keep".***

It is about letting go of what holds us back and stepping into the life we were made for. Jesus didn't come to add more weight to our shoulders. Jesus came to lighten the load and to make sure we were carrying the right things! What are you carrying?

Join us every Sunday this Summer or whenever your schedule allows. Keep up by watching on YouTube when you are vacationing!

This Sunday – August 17 – "Take Up Love"

Next Sunday – August 24 – Join us for a Hymn Sing!

### A New Sermon Series – Earth Care

Pastor Helen is coordinating with the children's curriculum "Care for Creation" so we can all learn and talk about what it means to care for the earth and all of the gifts it provides to us.

September 7	The Patterns of Creation
September 14	Water
September 21	Vegetation
September 28	Animals and Humans

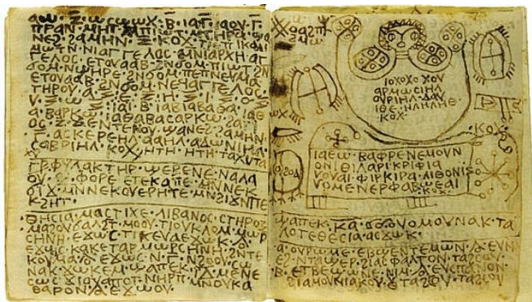
### Children Sunday School

#### • Sunday School Classes for Children

- Class begins at 9:15 am in the Chapel. We are starting a new curriculum which will start with "Care for Creation".

### Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

- Join us in the Fireside Room beginning August 17 when Rev. Paul Romine will teach on Income Inequality and the Bible. He will lead us through the use of parables and actions and sayings of Jesus around money and riches. He will also help us reflect on what actions we might take to support working people today. Come join us!



**Pastor Helen's Monday Class is starting a new study** on the non-canonical (or sometimes called gnostic) Gospels. We will start **Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> with the Gospel of Mary** (you can pick up a copy in the Narthex). The class meets on Monday afternoon at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

**Summer Choir – are you in?** This is your last chance to sing in the Summer Choir! We will meet at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary on the final date to rehearse a piece to sing in the service. There is no required dress – come as you are - **August 17**

**August 24 will be a Hymn Sing for Worship!** Let us make a joyful noise all morning! Pastor Helen wants to know what you want to sing. Tell us about the hymn that always makes you feel good. Or the one filled with memories. How about the one you liked to sing when you were in the Youth Choir? Put your requests on the Friendship Pad on Sunday morning, email her at [helen@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:helen@firstpreslawrence.org) or call the church office 785-843-4171. If we only have one request it might be a really short worship service! If we have 50 requests, we will get to do this another time!

