



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

July 19, 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.

Introit

Prelude from *Te Deum* by Charpentier
COE, arr.

Summer Bell Ensemble
Carol Fleeger, director

* Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: My heart says, "Your face, Lord, will I seek." Do not hide your face from me.

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: In God's tent are sounds of great gladness.

One: Let us sing and make music to the Lord.

* Hymn of Praise

Be Still, My Soul
FINLANDIA

Glory to God #819

* Call To Confession

Jim Rumsey, 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

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Father and Mother of us all. You tell us that blessed are they who put their trust in You. But we focus on dismal headlines and alarming news. Violence and fear will shake our faith in You. Natural disasters and war maim and destroy life. Men and women exploit, abuse and desecrate one another.

Remind us that our hope is in the One who made heaven and earth. Help us hold fast to faith. As we trust in You, we will work for peace and justice. We will love and care for our neighbors. We will trust in God who is sovereign and just.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

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

* Passing the Peace

Jim Rumsey, 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
	Prayer of Illumination	Jim Rumsey, liturgist	
	Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
	From the Psalter	Psalm 27	Jim Rumsey, liturgist
	Special Music	<i>Song of the Prairie</i> Peter Ostroushko	Presby Pickers
	Assorted Readings	Isaiah 41:10; Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 11:28	
	Sermon	<i>"Psalms of Trust"</i>	Helen Hutchison
	Hymn	<i>Why Should I Feel Discouraged?</i> <i>(His Eye Is on the Sparrow)</i> SPARROW	Glory to God #661
	Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer	from the Maori Tradition	
	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.		
	The Offering	<i>The Ashokan Farewell</i> JAY UNGER and MOLLY MASON	Presby Pickers
*	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>	Glory to God #606
*	Prayer of Dedication		
*	Affirmation of Faith	We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.	

* 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** 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.

Lynn Basow is participating with the Presby Pickers this morning. Welcome! Lynn led the Lawrence Symphony for 25 years. She currently plays with the New Horizons Band and the Jazz Hawks. She studied Music Education at Wichita State and earned her Masters in Violin Performance from the University of Illinois.

Prayer List**Cares, Concerns and Celebrations**

- **Carol Smith** is celebrating the birth of her 5th Great-Grandchild! Harvey was born July 3rd. Congrats!
- **Sandra Nease** is now receiving hospice care in Denver, CO where she lives with Don.
- **Robert Mugridge** asks for our prayers for his mother, Mary Morris following the death of her husband, **Bruce Humphreys**.
- **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. 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: Vic and Dianne Sisk

We need volunteers! Sign up in the Narthex.

Greeters: Pearl and Marin Hoover

South Door Greeter:

Offering: Jeff Southard and Marilyn Heikes

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Linda Longino

Birthdays in the Congregation

July 21

Sue Suhler

Grace Nganga

Lindy Sullivan

July 22

Calen Camlin

July 23

Sydney Walter

July 24

Margie Dyck

Mark Shiflett

July 25

Joan Messineo

Jack Ziegler

July 26

Kathryn Roblee

Mary Parkinson

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

July 19

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Ice Cream and Bingo

July 20

1:15 pm FPC Staff Meeting

July 21

1:00 pm Parkinson Support Group

July 22

3:00 pm Native American Study

6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

July 23

1:00 pm Small World Summer Class

1:30 pm Audrey Nolte Rehearsal

July 24

10:00 am Men's Group

July 26

8:00 am Presby Pickers Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

Children Sunday School

- **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



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

Save the Date for the Ice Cream Social and Bingo!

Sunday, July 19, after worship at 11:30 am we will gather for Ice Cream and other treats. The Youth will host the Bingo so come prepared to play and win prizes!

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



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

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 have come up with several plans, 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) **The class will discuss Part 3, Chapters 7 and 8 on Wednesday, July 22 at 3:00 pm.**



Show Your Colors on Social Justice Sunday August 2

Many members of our congregation put time, money and effort into supporting causes that focus on social justice issues in our community. On Sunday August 2, the Matthew 25 Committee invites you to "show your colors" by wearing your brand new blue FPC shirt or one from an organization or cause you support like Family Promise, Lawrence Pride, League of Women Voters, gun control. Together we can fill the sanctuary with a rainbow of colors as we gather for worship and communion.

The Deacon Love Fund is busy helping folks stay in their homes, keep their utilities on, and other necessities of daily life. This month we helped one person register their car so they could get to work legally. In June your gifts helped 18 individuals and families with expenses they could not meet. The requests are coming faster and we anticipate that to keep increasing as we get closer to the start of school and families having to choose what to spend limited resources on each week. We only help a person or family once a year, so these are not repeating needs for the same people. Thank you for your gifts and support of the Love Fund!

Rummage Sale – The Presbyterian Women are getting ready for all of your donations to our Rummage Sale this year! The doors to south fellowship hall will open for donations on Monday, August 3rd. Please use the South Fellowship Hall only as we are a polling place for the Primary Election on Tuesday on the North side of the Hall. We accept clothing, household items, holiday décor, home décor, books, music and more! We cannot accept electronics, large furniture or large appliances. The sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8. Mark your calendar and start cleaning out now!