



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

June 21, 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 So Good*  
GOD IS SO GOOD

*Glory to God* #658

**Call to Worship**

One: People of God, listen! Wisdom calls and understanding raises her voice!

**All: We gather to grow in wisdom and understanding, to hear God's word for us.**

One: She stands at roadside and cries to her people to take instruction.

**All: Let us pay attention; let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

*Glory to God* #450

\* **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

**Creator God, we come to this place of prayer ever aware of the brokenness of our world. Strife and tension and war are ever present in the news of the day, and we are numbed by the numbers of those killed in battle. Violence plagues our cities and even the rural countryside is not immune to the destruction of property. We are appalled at the thoughtlessness of others, the rude ways of those we pass on the street and the harsh verbosity of those who should bring kindness to our lives but instead bring derision and slander. Help us, O God, to make a difference. Open our hearts to receive your Wisdom and grant us the grace to mend the broken bits of our world with compassion and love and forgiveness: for so have you mended us. Amen.**

\* **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 *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 Jim Rumsey, 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 Psalm 73:16-28 Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Special Music *This Is My Father's World* Audrey Nolte, soprano  
RICHARD WALTERS, arr. Andrew Morris, piano

Psalter Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22:31

Sermon "Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* **Glory to God #174**  
MADELEINE

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**

*Go with Us, Lord (3 times)*  
TALLIS' CANON

**Glory to God #748**

\* **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*

- **Bev Dolezal** is home following some rehab.
- **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:** Jim Rumsey, Larry Schlosser  
**Greeters:** Mary Kay Stephens and Nicole Barcomb  
**South Door Greeter:** Judy Wilson  
**Offering:** Paul Laird and Larry Flottman  
**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson  
**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Marilyn Heikes

**Birthdays in the Congregation**

**June 24** Mary Warren  
**June 27** Jim Turrentine

**Deacon Family Groups - 2026**

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|------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| 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 21**  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Father's Day Bingo

**June 22**  
9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp  
1:15 pm Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Pastor Helen Class

**June 23**  
9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp

**June 24**  
9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp  
3:00 pm Historical Perspectives on Indigenous Boarding Schools  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

**June 25**  
9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp  
11:00 am Matthew 25 Cohort Meeting  
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**June 26**  
9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp  
10:00 am Men's Group

**June 27**  
11:30 am Serve at LINK

**June 28**  
8:30 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

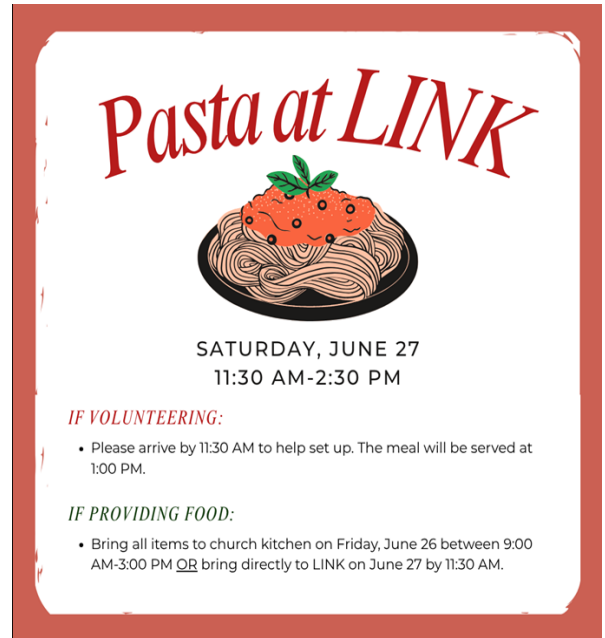
- Put our Kick-Off Sunday – August 9 – on your calendar now!

## 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.



**Father's Day BINGO and Snacks** Bingo is back for Father's Day on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The prize cabinet is restocked and ready for some winners! Potluck lunch and snacks will be served



**We will be serving at LINK on June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up in the Narthex! Meet at LINK at First Christian Church, 10<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky at 11:30 to help. Youth 13 and older can help without an adult. We will be serving pasta this time

**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 meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room through June 22. We are currently studying the history of religion in the US. Everyone is welcome! The class will take a break for July and 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 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).

**For our class on June 24 in the Fireside Room, please read Chapter 3.** The class will take a break while Pastor Helen is away on vacation. We will resume to discuss Section 2 on July 15<sup>th</sup>.