

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Special Request for our children

We would like to offer a baking day at the church for our children this summer.
Maybe something like Is It Cake or Nailed It from Netflix???
Anyone interested in facilitating???

Summer Intern Fun

Calendars in the Spire! Take a look.
And don't miss all the fun events on Facebook as well.

This morning, after the service, grab your dad and come to the front lobby
and **share a donut** with him.

Tuesday, June 23rd - K5 and under join us on the **playground for popsicles** from 5-6

Friday, June 26 - K5-5th completers **join the guys** at the church from 5-8.
Bring a swimsuit and a towel.

Summer Adult Opportunities

6/25 **Ladies Nights Out** at Break at the Lake @ 6:30
6/28 (date change to avoid Father's Day) **Summer Bookclub** at Eggs Up at 11:15
7/10 **Date Night** at the BBQ Fest (meet at church at 7:00)
7/10 **Young Adult Vibes** (meet at church and walk to BBQ Fest together)

Youth Service Vibes

June 23

Meet at the church at 8:00 and ride the bus to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen.
Bring \$ for lunch out afterward.
Shout out to Mrs. Beth Justesen-Pruitt and Mrs. Lauren Shirley!!!

See someone you don't know well
at church today?
Make a point to smile, wave, say hi.
Our church has so much goodness to share!

Sunday, June 21

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Donuts with Dads (front lobby)

Monday, June 22

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, June 23

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
5:00 p.m. - Popsicles on the Playground

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)

5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)

Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m. - Youth Service & Lunch
6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out (Break on the Lake)

Friday, June 26

5:00 p.m. - Boys Night

Saturday, June 27

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)

Key

AH-Alexander Hall
Loft-3rd Floor Youth Room
HR-Henry Reynolds Room, Room 110
BR-Barksdale Room, Room 122
Sanc-Sanctuary
YR-3rd Floor Youth Room, also called the Loft
Base-Basement, also call the Root Cellar
FISH-Adult Sunday School Class, Room 205
Conf. Rm-Conference Room, Room 206
Lib-Library, Room 121
Maps are posted throughout the campus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Carolyn Taylor in loving memory of my sister, Janet. We miss you every day. Always in our hearts and prayers.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Jane Anderson upon her passing on June 19, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Congratulations to Rhetta and Blake Smith on the birth of their son, Boone Christian Smith, born June 5, 2026. Grandparents are Richard & Pattie Christian.

Migrant Ministry Offering

Today, June 21st, is Father's Day.

The funds collected for the Migrant Ministry offering will be used to purchase gift cards for food, as well as daily devotional books (written in Spanish) for each of the workers in the migrant camps. There are approximately 200 men and women in the camps of the two farms within Trinity Presbytery.

Make your checks payable to FPC and use the brown offering envelope that are in the pew racks and please be sure to mark it for Father's Day offering.

4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day June 21, 2026 10:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Visitor, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

*Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Children's Music -- Sarah Bowen
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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Rev. Brad Christie

Ps. 124:8

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

*HYMN #661 “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

SPARROW

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Steve Skinner

Leader: When Abraham was troubled,
People: God said, “Do not be distressed.”
Leader: God is good,
People: all the time.

Leader: When Hagar gave up,
People: God said, “Do not be afraid.”
Leader: All the time,
People: God is good!

Leader: No matter what happens,
People: God is with us. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Christie

*OPENING HYMN** #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #625 “How Great Thou Art” O STOR GUD
Stanza 3 only

*(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN Summer Interns
*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Rev. Christie

Offertory “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Ralph Vaughan Willimas
Becky Gardner, oboe arr. Marty Wheeler Burnett

*Doxology (On Screens) DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication Rev. Christie

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 21:8-21 Rev. Christie

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Creative Care”
Summer Series: Our Creative God - 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
[[from A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

*CLOSING HYMN #541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” RANDOLPH
Stanzas 1-3

*BENEDICTION *[Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)
Hymn #541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” RANDOLPH
Stanza 4

POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands **Late comers may be seated