

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.

Summer Adult Opportunities

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

Got ideas for summer youth or fall youth?
Got a preference for times on Sundays?
Got any requests for topics to cover?
Let Elise know.

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 28

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Summer Book Club (Eggs Up)

Monday, June 29

5:30 p.m. - Called Session Mtg & Dinner (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, June 30

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.

Wednesday, July 1

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

2:00 p.m. - Jane Anderson's Service (Sanc) & Reception (AH)

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

Thursday, July 2

5:00 p.m. - Girls Night

6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)

Friday, July 3

Saturday, July 4

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 Taylor and Cindy Stokes to the glory of God and in loving memory of Toots Stokes and Barbara Hall.

Congratulations to Sophie and Elliott Layne on the birth of their son, Henry Thomas Layne, on April 26, 2026. Grandparents are Bubba & Menke Harvin and great-grandmother is Cecelia Reynolds; and to Tucker and Kaitlyn Bell on the birth of their son, James Hudson Bell, born June 24, 2026. Grandparents are John & Beth Bell.

Jane Anderson's service will be Wednesday, July 1st, at 2:00 in our sanctuary. There will be a reception immediately following in Alexander Hall. There will also be a visitation on Tuesday, June 30th, at Blyth Funeral from 6:00-8:00.

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymn #630

¹ Fairest Lord Jesus,

ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son,

Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

² Fair are the meadows,

fairer still the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

³ Fair is the sunshine,

fairer still the moonlight,

and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer

than all the angels heaven can boast.

⁴ Beautiful Savior!

Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor,

praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine.

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Goforth

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. *Ps. 118:24*

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(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.)

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 92]

Elise Collins

Leader: ¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People: ⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: ⁵How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep! ⁶The senseless man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: ⁷that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

People: ⁸but you, O Lord, are on high forever. ⁹For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

Leader: ¹⁰You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.

People: ¹¹My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

Leader: ¹²The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; ¹³planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

People: ¹⁴They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, ¹⁵proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

*OPENING HYMN** #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

INVOCATION

Andrew Goforth

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adam Fennell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [from Nehemiah 1:5b-11a]

O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that we now pray before you day and night for the people your servants, confessing the sins of the people, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' We are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servants today, and grant us mercy."

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE HYMN #840 "When Peace Like a River (It is Well)"

VILLE DU HAVRE

*(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

Steve Skinner

Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Hayes

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*Doxology (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Steve Skinner

PROCLAMATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Andrew Goforth

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:12-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What is Freedom For?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [The Biblical Creed]

This is the good news which we received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day;
and that he appeared to Peter,
then to the twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that he is the Christ,
the Son of the Living God.
He is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end,
he is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)

"We Are Yours"

GLICK

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