

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.

Summer Intern Fun

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

Riverbanks Zoo

Monday, July 20 from 9-5. Ages 3rd-5th completers
Cost is \$50. Drop off and pick up from FPC. **RSVP by July 17th at noon.**

Youth 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.

Summer Adult Opportunities

Summer Book Club is reading *Higher Grounds Cafe* by Max Lucado.
We'll meet at Eggs Up Grill next Sunday (July 19th)
after the congregational meeting to discuss.

Sojourners Class

The Sojourners class is not meeting in July for Sunday School. But the class will be having a social at the home of Alice Jo & Dwight Dickey this evening, from 5-7 pm, eating at 5:30. All food will be provided.

You may park on grass and next door (104)
Host: Dwight and Alice Jo Dickey at 106 Chapman Court, Greenwood
Deadline to sign up was July 7, 2026

**IN CASE OF RAIN, it will be held in Alexander Hall.
Someone from the committee will reach out to you
and let you know either by phone call, text, or email.**

Sunday, July 12

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Sojourners Social

Monday, July 13

5:15 p.m. - Bldgs & Grnds (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
5:45 p.m. - Worship Comm. (BR)

Wednesday, July 15

SPIRE DEADLINE
7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study &
Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
10:00 a.m. - Community Thxgiving
Comm. (BR)
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 sanctu-
ary are given to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of Phyllis May Cromer and Betty Sut-
ton from Rick and Janice May.

Congregational Meeting

The Community Life Center Committee will
present an update next week, Sunday, July 19,
immediately after 10:00 worship. Everyone is
encouraged to attend this presentation of
exciting news about the status and direction
of this project and its impact on the church's
mission as a beacon.

Home Stays

We need homes to host members of The Kings
Brass on the evening of July 28th and 29th.
A room, a bed, and a light breakfast.

Please contact Sarah Bowen, Festiva
Administrator festiva@firstgreenwood.com
or Steve Skinner steve@firstgreenwood.com.

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!

**Leading our Worship
is the group "Shared Hymnal":**
Stephan Botchie, guitar and vocals
Eli Botchie, guitar
Abi Johnson, piano and vocals
Bob Young, drums
Tabor Gravley, bass
Cherith Harris, vocals

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
10:00 am**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Visitor, we consider you to be our honored
guest. Our staff members are happy to as-
sist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a
church dedicated to making a positive dif-
ference in our community and world by ful-
filling 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
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

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GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lily Collins

PROCLAMATION
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Christie

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[from Psalm 51]*

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Forgive us, O God, in your steadfast love.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your own willing Spirit.
Amen.

SERMON

“Sowers, Seeds, & Soils”
Summer Miniseries: Parables of the Kingdom – 1

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Ps. 100:1–2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

(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.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *[The Apostles’ Creed]*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE

“One Desire”

Jason Ingram/Kari Jobe

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON *[Isaiah 55:6-7]*

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

ADORATION

***HYMN** (On Screens)

“Unto Your Name”

Pat Barrett/Ben Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Charlie Fennell

*(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.)*

***CLOSING HYMN #465** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

Leader: We come to remember.
People: We come to learn.
Leader: We come to offer praise.
People: We come to live in God’s truth,
to hold fast to God’s laws,
and to rejoice in God’s word.
Leader: O come, let us worship!

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Lily Collins

Offertory “New Doxology” Thomas Ken, Thomas Miller

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** Lily Collins

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

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** (Back of Hymnal)
“We Are Yours” GLICK

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Summer Interns

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

POSTLUDE

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

***OPENING HYMN** #837** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” SHOWALTER

*Congregation stands **Late comers may be seated