

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.

Riverbanks Zoo

Ages 3rd-5th completers from 9am-5pm.

Cost is \$50 (includes everything). Drop off and pick up from FPC.

**Please note the Riverbanks Zoo daytrip has been changed to
Tuesday July 21 to accommodate school orientations.
Sign up by paying Nan for the trip by Monday at noon.**

Youth Vibes

Youth Pool Party

this evening from 5:30-7:30 at Maxwell Springs pool

Pizza, watermelon, & drinks provided

Friends welcome!

Bring sunscreen and a towel.

RSVP so we can get enough pizza.

Summer Adult Opportunities

Summer Book Club is reading Miracle at the *Higher Grounds Cafe* by Max Lucado.

We'll meet at Panera today after the informational meeting to discuss.

Ladies Night

Thursday, July 23rd

6:30

Montague's

RSVP by Thursday at noon, please

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

11:00 a.m. - Informational Mtg

11:15 a.m. - Summer Book Club
(Panera)

5:30 p.m. - Youth Pool Party (Maxwell
Springs)

Monday, July 20

10:00 a.m. - Cong. Care (BR)

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

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. - Riverbanks Zoo

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study &

Breakfast (AH)

10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)

12:00 noon - FOC (BR)

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

Thursday, July 23

9:00 a.m. - Noah's Ark (HR)

4:00 p.m. - PGS (Choir Rm)

6:30 p.m. - Ladies Night (Montagues)

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

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 Becky Bryson to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Erwin Abell, her par-
ents, Annie Hurdle & Lester Reynolds, and her
aunt and uncle, Alice & Elmer Reynolds.

Informational Meeting

The Community Life Center Committee will
present an update today, 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 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!

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; Ps. 24:1
People: the world, and those who live 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 8:1, 3-5]

Steve Skinner

Leader: O LORD, our Lord,
People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

People: what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*OPENING HYMN** #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

[Please share the peace of Christ with those next to you,
especially those you may not know or those you have not seen in a while.]

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*HYMN (On Screens)

“Rock of Ages”

WARD

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Elise Collins

Offertory “He that Dwelleth in the Secret Place” James G. MacDermid
Nickie Murphy, soprano

*Doxology (On Screens) DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication Elise Collins

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Summer Interns

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“One Job”
Summer Miniseries: Parables of the Kingdom – 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)

“May the Peace of God” Getty/Townend

POSTLUDE

[Please remain seated if you would like to attend the informational meeting.]

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