

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.

### **Free Movie**

Wednesday, July 8 at 10:00 am  
for ages K5-5th grade completers. Bring \$ for snacks.  
Drop off and pick up at Premiere Cinemas for Dog Man

### **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.

### **Summer Adult Opportunities**

7/9 Ladies Night at BBQ Fest (meet at church at 6:30)  
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)  
Please RSVP by noon day of to Elise for any of the above if you plan to attend.

### **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.

### **Fins Up Waterpark**

Tuesday, July 7  
Depart FPC at 8:30 am  
\$75 - Bring \$ for food.  
RSVP ASAP to Elise

#### **Sunday, July 5**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School

#### **Monday, July 6**

Church offices closed

#### **Tuesday, July 7**

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.  
8:30 a.m. - Youth to Fins Up Waterpark  
2:00 p.m. - Suzie Davis's Service  
(Sanc) & Reception (AH)

#### **Wednesday, July 8**

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)  
10:00 a.m. - Free Movie (Premiere Cinemas)  
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)  
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)

#### **Thursday, July 9**

6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)  
6:30 p.m. - Ladies Night Out (BBQ Festival)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (HR)

#### **Friday, July 10**

7:00 p.m. - Date Night (BBQ Festival)  
7:00 p.m. - Young Adults (BBQ Festival)

#### **Saturday, July 11**

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 dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 250th birthday of the USA and Nancy's 74th birthday by the Booth Family.

**Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to** Mary Keith Rodgers and her family on the passing her mother, Suzie Davis, on June 26, 2026; and to the family of Julie Cooner upon her passing on June 27, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Suzie Davis's service will be Tuesday, July 7th, at 2:00 pm in our sanctuary. The family will receive guests in Alexander Hall immediately following.

Julie Cooner's arrangements are pending.

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!

### **Sojourners Class**

The Sojourners class will not meet in July for Sunday School. But you will be having a social at the home of Alice Jo & Dwight Dickey on Sunday, July 12th, from 5-7 pm, eating at 5:30. All food will be provided.

BBQ with sides, Banana pudding, and brownies, tea, lemonade and water  
You may BYOB, Cost: \$5 each  
You may park on grass and next door (104)  
Host: Dwight and Alice Jo Dickey at 106 Chapman Court, Greenwood  
Alice Jo's phone: (864) 993-5503  
Deadline to sign up: July 7, 2026;  
Call of contact: Anna Welborn  
(864) 993-6010

## ***6th Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 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  
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

### **First Presbyterian Church**

108 East Cambridge Ave.  
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Office hours: M-Th: 8:00 - 4:00 and Fri: 8:00 - 12:00

**GATHERING MUSIC** “Jesus and the Children” Lovelace, arr. Donald Mack

**GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: God is good  
People: all the time.  
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People: God is good.

*(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.)*

**PRELUDE** “I Vow to Thee My Country” THAXTED  
Holst, arr. Charles de Paolo

**ADORATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** [from Genesis 24] Steve Skinner

Leader: We gather around the well of Beer-lahai-roi,  
the place where God sees us.  
People: We gather to see and be seen.  
To know and be known.  
To behold and be held.  
Leader: We come thirsty to this well of the living God.  
People: We come to drink deeply from these living waters.  
O come, let us worship!

**\*OPENING HYMN\*\* #331** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”  
NATIONAL HYMN

**CONFESSION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Elise Collins

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared  
to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just,  
and humble life to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

**\*HYMN #182** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” KINGSFOLD

*(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.)*

**GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Call to Offering** Elise Collins

**Offertory** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. Paul Davis  
Text: Hymn #8

**\*Doxology** (On Screens) OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** Elise Collins

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 24: (34-38, 42-49) 58-67 Rev. Christie

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

**SERMON** “Creative Partnership”  
*Summer Series, Our Creative God – 5*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION**

Rev. Christie

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
Minister: It is truly right to glorify you...  
...we sing a hymn to your glory:  
All (# 559): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Minister: The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS** (Gluten free)

*You may partake of the elements and dispose of the cups in the basket  
before returning to your seat. Or, you may take the bread and cup  
back to your seat and partake of the elements together.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #337** “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” AMERICA

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** (Back of Hymnal)  
“See with the Eyes of God” GREENWOOD

**POSTLUDE** “Fanfare” C. S. Lang

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