

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.

Bookclub after church at Panera.
Uncommon Ground by Tim Keller and John Inuzu
Chapter 1

Our youth need snacks for the youth room.
Please consider donating drinks, chips, bars, etc
once a month when you make a run to the store.

Our children could use goldfish, fruit snacks, or breakfast items
to have during Sunday School.
Please consider donating an item monthly when you make a grocery run.

Sundays@9:30
Our new Sunday School hour kicks off September 6th!
Join one of the following:
Sojourners - led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others
in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.
FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins,
Hood Souter, Kirstin Sherrer, and others in room 205 near Alexander Hall. Coffee
available.
Youth – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating a digital study.
Third floor LOFT. Goodies available.
Children – K3 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and
play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.
Nursery – infant – K2 in room 209 or 210 near the playground door.

Chancel Bells
2 positions available in Chancel Bells.
Contact steve@firstgreenwood.com

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER
we will have one worship service at 10:30 am
and Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Sunday, August 16
9:00 a.m. - Sojourners SS (HR)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Congregational Mtg.
(Sanc)
11:15 a.m. - Summer Book Club
(Panera)
5:30 p.m. - Diaconate (HR)
Monday, August 17
SPIRE DEADLINE
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Tuesday, August 18
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
1:00 p.m. - Staff Audit Comm. (BR)
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible Study (BR)
Wednesday, August 19
7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study &
Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF Dinner with Church
Family Game Night (AH)
Thursday, August 20
6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Friday, August 21
Saturday, August 22
9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/
Base/YR)
9:30 a.m. - Trinity Pres. Mtg. (Upper
Long Cane)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/
Base/YR)

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 Bill & Bonnie Harper to the Glo-
ry of God and in loving memory of our parents,
Imojean & Plug Lawrence and Pat & Charlie
Harper.

The flowers also on the gradin are in honor &
celebration of the marriage of Margaret Masters
and Hayden Jordan.

Congregational Meeting
We will hold a congregational meeting
immediately following the conclusion of this
service. The purpose of this meeting is
to elect new officers.

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner
WNF & Dinner has begun. All Wednesdays in
August will be family nights. What does that
mean? Meals are \$5 per person.
All programming
will be in Alexander Hall for everyone!
**5:30 Chicken tenders & nuggets and
watermelon for everyone - \$5**
6:00 Church Family Game Night

Check the August Spire for menus and
programming. Be sure to sign up by Monday
at noon. You can do that by contacting the
front office, signing up on the sheet in the
front lobby, or using the yellow cards
in the pew racks.

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!

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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: God is our refuge and strength,
People: a very present help in trouble.

Ps. 46:1

(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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Joey McClain, trombone

St. Columba
arr. David Cherwien

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [from Romans 11:2a, 29-32]

Joey McClain

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,
reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

People: who has lavished upon us
the fulness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Leader: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!
People: O come, let us worship. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN** #439 “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” (Psalm 103)

STUTTGART

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 #790 “In Silence My Soul Thirsts” (Psalm 62)

MY SOUL THIRSTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Harris Evers Christian

Harris is the daughter of Ty and Julia Christian
and the granddaughter of Richard and Pattie Christian.

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory

“This Is My Father’s World/He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Joey McClain, baritone and trombone

arr. Brant Adams

*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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“Crummy”
Summer Miniseries: Signs of the Kingdom - 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

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

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting
for the purpose of electing new officers.

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