

July 26, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Phoenix Processional Dan Locklair

Welcome Dr. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 98) Jessie Baker
O sing to the LORD a new song! The LORD has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
The LORD has made known his victory; the LORD has revealed his
vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Let us make a joyful noise to the LORD throughout all the earth.
Let us break forth into joyful song and sing God’s praise!
We will make a joyful noise to the LORD our God!

*Hymn 396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

Invitation to Confession
Friends, the scriptures tell us that, “If we say that we have not sinned, the truth
is not in us, and we deceive ourselves. If we confess our sins, our LORD is
faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” [I
John 1.8-9]. Let us now make an honest confession of our need to have the
Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, transforming our lives. Let us pray
together.

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and Almighty God, we give thanks today for the blessings of
salvation through Jesus Christ! You remind us again that we are saved
by grace, and not by anything we have done, nor anything we have yet to
do. Still, there are times when we do not trust your gracious love. We act
out of selfishness, fear, envy or anxiety. We do not love our neighbors as
graciously as you love us. And, we do not forgive others as we have been
forgiven. Forgive us and transform us, Lord. Make us the kind,
gracious, loving and forgiving people that you want us to be, in the
manner of Jesus Christ. Make us more and more like our Savior in all
that we say and do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Friends, the Scriptures also tell us, “God demonstrated his own love toward
us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” [Romans 5.8]. That
is, before we moved toward God, God had already moved toward us, and
initiated a relationship with us based upon his gracious love for us all. In
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sharing the Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

*Holy Interruption

*Gloria Patri

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-9

Second Scriptures: Hebrews 9.11-15; John 19.17-18, 23-30
Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Words from the Cross: It is Finished” Dr. Dan Sansbury

*Hymn 839 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

Announcements

Pastoral Prayers & Lord’s Prayer
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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory The King of Love, My Shepherd Is Traditional Irish
arr. by Peter Stearns

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, you have sown good seed among us. Receive now the
harvest of what you have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and
resources, to further your kin-dom of heaven. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 438 Rock of Ages TOPLADY

*Benediction

Benediction Response 542 God Be With You Till We Meet Again
(Chancel Choir) GOD BE WITH YOU

*Postlude The Prince of Denmark’s March Jeremiah Clarke

*Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

Acolytes

Today's flowers are placed in the church to the glory of God by the Miller
Family. The flowers are given in honor of and with gratitude for our
congregation, those who served before us, those who serve today, and those
who will serve in the future.

The Church This Week (7/26/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Organ & Piano Recital

Mon.
Tue.
Wed.
Thurs.
Fri.
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of July 26, 2026

Gerry Rogers
Benny Moore
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
B.J. Moore
Louise Carpenter
Shirley Brock
Edward Tinsley
Ruth Jackson
Nadia Harris
Lynn Smith
Harold Watson
Susan Malloy
Mary Gulledge
Kathy Bradshaw
Jessie Baker
Betty Davis
Sue Funderburk
Jessi Tillman

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Organ & Piano Recital, today at 3pm in the Sanctuary!

Join us for a special afternoon of music as we celebrate the talents of Jackson & Watson in a combined organ and piano recital. Their dedication, hard work, and love of music have blessed our church family, and we invite the congregation to come and support them as they share their gifts in praise to God. We hope you will attend this joyful occasion of music and celebration Today **at 3pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Building.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for July – September

July 26	Steve Cook
August 2	Brittany Tillman
August 9	Kelli Beck
August 16	Charlene Tillman
August 23	Lainey Baker
August 30	Laura Folger
Sept. 6	Mary Jane Evans
Sept. 13	Jenny Michaels
Sept. 20	Maggie Barton
Sept. 27	Heather Tucker

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marion Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
Becky Childers		Debra Luke
Bron Long		

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	



Our Vision

***Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love!***

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