

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor’s card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

A Time of Fellowship

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

✠ TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ✠

Those recovering from illness or injury

Those grieving

Those facing chronic health issues

Those battling cancer

Those expecting

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those traveling

Vacation Bible School

Those dealing with natural disasters

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees needing a safe place to live

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Mark Stant, Derrick Ward, Justin Alba, Tom Jack, and Jim Prine (birthdays) and Mark & Annalee Ward (anniversary)

The Youth Mission Team who worked at Harold and Cherie's home

Our church family who cares and prays for one another

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., June 23	10:15am	Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Mon., June 24	9:00-11:30am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Tue., June 25	9:00-11:30am	VBS
Wed., June 26	9:00-11:30am	VBS
Thu., June 27	9:00-11:30am	VBS
Fri., June 28	9:00-11:30am	VBS
Sun., June 30	10:10am 10:15am	Congregational Meeting to elect a new PNC member Worship: VBS Sunday

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Pentecost - (in memory of Rev. Duncan Brockway)

West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (in memory of Barb Stant)

North Wall - I John 4:19 (in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)

Deacons for the month of June: Jamie Dillman & Hannah Eby

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or john1rev@gmail.com

Prayer Chain requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com

Summer Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday & Thursday 9:00-11:00am and Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm.

SPM Office Hours for Kate Meyrick are Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm

Lectionary Readings for June 30th:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

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10:15am

Founded 1847

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Prelude

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

arr. Innes

For Prayer and Reflection:
Gracious God, filled with joy we come to worship you, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, because you are already here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, because you are already there. In this time of worship, open the eyes of our faith that we may behold you. Amen.

Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #649

“Gather Us In” (vv. 1,2,4)

Gather Us In

“As We Seek”

As we seek your face,
May we know your heart;
Feel your presence, acceptance,
As we seek your face.

At your feet we fall,
Sovereign Lord;
We cry “Holy, Holy,”
At your feet we fall. (repeat first verse)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image. Amen.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading 1 Kings 19:8-15a p. 559

Special Music “Knowing You” Eva McCaw, soloist

Children’s Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery.)

Second Reading Galatians 3:23-29 p. 1813

Sermon “To Be Mature in Faith”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #581 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Beecher

**Affirmation of Faith* From — *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The 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.*

The Offering
Offertory “We Walk by Faith” arr. Hoepfner
**Doxology #34*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #577 “Sing a New Church” Nettleton

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “Irish” arr. L. Smith
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
SPM Kate Meyrick, *liturgist*
Rev. John Armstrong, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Alex Jack, *greeter*
The Ebys, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, June 30, to elect a replacement for Harold Daniels on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:10 a.m., prior to the beginning of the service. Please plan to attend this brief, but important, meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL happens this week. Please keep all of those involved in VBS in your prayers. Plan to join us on Friday at 11:00 a.m. when we share our week. The songs and stories from VBS will be an integral part of next Sunday’s worship service.

TRANSITION NEWS: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is still at work. Constantly praying for God’s guidance as they discern who is to lead this congregation, the PNC continues to review pastor information forms and video chat with potential pastors. Please keep the PNC in your prayers as they seek leadership for our church family.

ADULT NIGHT OUT IS BACK! Mark your calendars for July 13th at 4:30pm at The Point. Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to help with the reservation count.

COFFEE HOUR hosts are needed for July 7 and for three Sundays in August. Please help in this important ministry of hospitality.

AN UPDATED DIRECTORY is available in the narthex and the Coffee Hour room. Please take one per household.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
June 30 - Vacation Bible School Sunday - Linda Longfield
July 7 - SPM Kate Meyrick
July 14 - The Youth Mission Team

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK AT THE BIG BULLETIN BOARD in the Coffee Hour Room. It is filled with helpful information of events happening locally and abroad.

THESE DAYS for July, August, September are available in the narthex. Please take one to use during your daily devotions.

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To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through June 16th totaled \$9,870.60.