

Summer Worship

June 15, 2025

Belong

Be Challenged



Be Love

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June 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship.

Children's Worship Bulletins: These are available along with activity packets in the Narthex. Ask a Greeter for one.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. The DAY OF PENTECOST is 50 days after Easter Day. RED is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God in the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples as depicted in both pulpit and lectern paraments and banners created by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The mobile in the Chancel "Come Creator Spirit" represents the flames poured down upon the disciples, as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit in the dove. The mobile was created in 2016 by Don Beck. The color RED is also used for Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, representing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the 16th century renewal movement, as well as the blood shed by the martyrs of that period. The pulpit and lectern paraments, as well as the banners above the doors, depict the fractured Protestant churches which resulted from that movement 500 years ago. They were created in 2017 by Don Beck, whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church in all seasons of the liturgical year.

***Honoring our heritage, we are a dynamic body
welcoming all to Christ's spacious table, illumined
to serve God with imagination and love.***

Belong. Be Challenged. Be Love.

Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

**Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

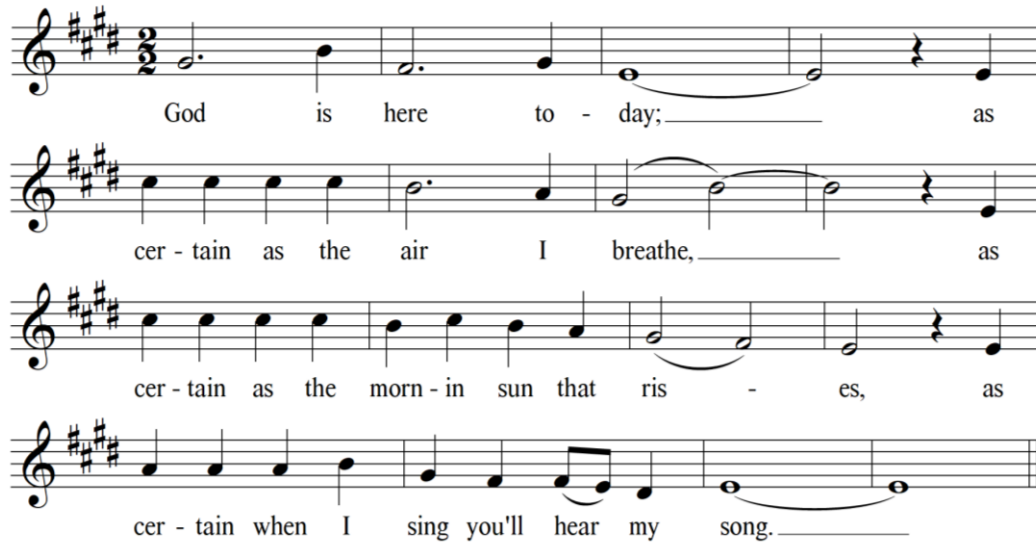
Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Mark Hayes

*Gathering Song

God Is Here Today



*Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made-

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks to God, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises in our baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

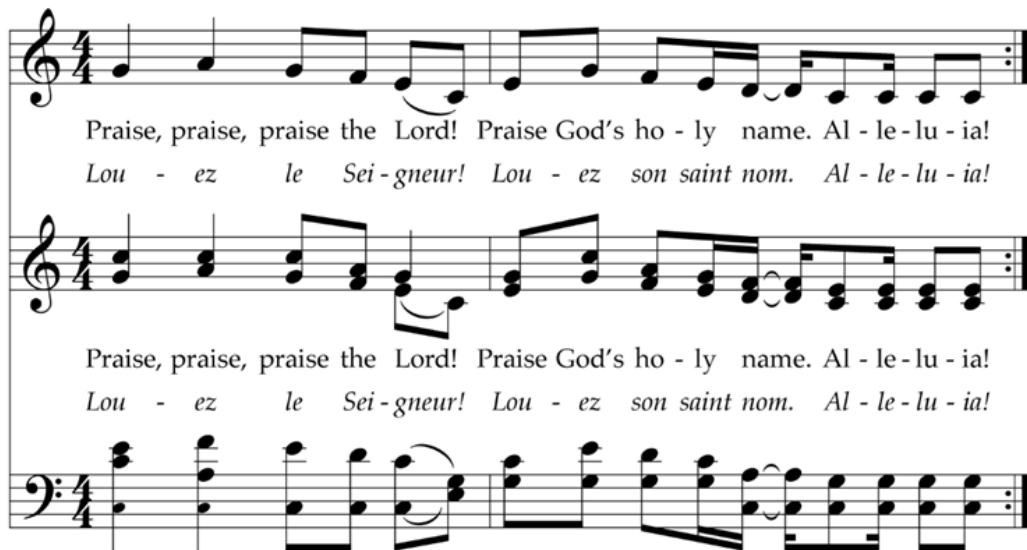
*Passing of the Peace

Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

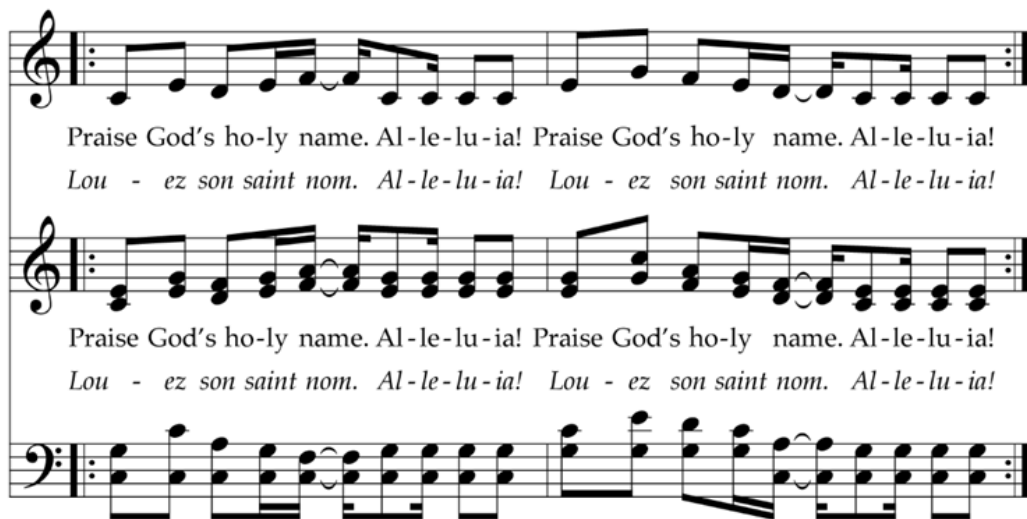
And also with you.

*Grateful Response

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!



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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Anthem

Sure on This Shining Night

Samuel Barber

Sure on this shining night of star-made shadows round, kindness must watch for me this side the ground. The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wandering far alone of shadows on the stars.

Joicy Carvalho, soloist

Second Lesson

John 14: 12-14; John 15:1-11

¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me

is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

No Matter What, Christ Abides

Rev. Ann Wasson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Joseph Martin

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

System 1: The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line starts on a half note G2. The lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures' are aligned under the first staff.

System 2: The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics 'here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise' are aligned under the second staff.

System 3: The third staff concludes the piece. The lyrics 'Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' are aligned under the third staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

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.**

Prayer Response

Amen

The musical notation for the Prayer Response 'Amen' is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/2 time, with the lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' written below the notes. The second system also consists of a treble and bass staff, with the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for Our Life in Community

*Closing Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

See page 12

*Charge and Benediction

Go into the world without fear: Christ abides. Do not be greedy, have courage to try. Rest in Christ's presence with you and take up the work of discipleship again and again.

May you know and carry the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow and to eternal life. Amen.

Postlude

The Promised Land

arr. Joseph Martin

PRAYERS TO CARRY WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE WORSHIP

Help us/me not to be scared. Help us/me not to be greedy. Give us/me courage to try.
(Will Tweedy in Cold Sassy Tree)

Gracious God, thank you for this day. Remove the load so I can sleep. I will carry it again tomorrow.

(Ruling Elder Chris Gamm, Bowling Green, MO, c. 1985)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Jessica Carper
Musicians:	Ryan Neal, guest artist; Desra Dabney, flute Joicy Carvalho, FPC Choral Scholar
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

Today we welcome guest preacher Rev. Ann Wasson, honorably retired. Ann has served the presbyterian church all over the country, but predominately in Oklahoma and Missouri, and most recently at First Presbyterian Church in Defiance, Ohio.

We welcome guest musician Ryan Neal.

HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니


Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
 10.10.10.10

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b

sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b

would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b

grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1978
 MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
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 Music Harm. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

PLEADING SAVIOR
 8.7.8.7.D
 (alternate harmonization, 717)
 (alternate tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 15, 2025

TODAY

Fellowship

We have coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday in the Parlor.

We welcome guest preacher Rev. Ann Wasson & guest musician Ryan Neal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Sunday: Worship on the Lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and join us in God's Cathedral.

Worship & Picnic in the Park

Sunday, June 29, 10:00 a.m., Riverbend Park Shelter #7

We will worship together then feast! Bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs will be provided and grilled to perfection!

Monthly Opportunities at City Mission

After Lent, where we sought to "share the bread" with our neighbors, the mission committee has decided to continue these mission opportunities twice a month—one lunch and one dinner. The next available dates are:

- Thursday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sign up outside the Church Office.

GET CONNECTED

Scan the code to read our weekly E-News Connections.
You can also read in your email.



Let's knock their socks off!

Each year, Christian Clearing House invites the Findlay community to help them "stuff the bus" with backpacks and school supplies. They also provide a shoe voucher with each backpack, if possible so local kids can have a new pair of shoes when they head off to school! In recent years, CCH has realized that most children don't have adequate socks to wear with their new shoes.

This year, to fill that important need, we've been tasked with collecting new pairs of socks!!! We'll be collecting from June through July 15th! Sizes needed are medium to extra-large with greatest need as large. Kids receiving socks/shoe vouchers are school age (ages 5-18) for both boys and girls. There is a dedicated collection box located in the Narthex.

Contact: Dave Reynolds

Staff Summer Away Dates:

Pastor Jessie: June 8-16 (Misson Trip)

Clint Miller: June 14-21 (Continuing Education)

ONLINE GIVING

You can open the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate. Thank you!



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Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! Text & Music: Cameroon melody; arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994. Text and Music © 1994 earthsongs

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