

Summer Worship

August 3, 2025



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

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August 3, 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.

Prayground: Today, children remain in worship to celebrate Communion and are invited to come to the Prayground at the front of the church during the sermon.

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. We are currently in the season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. The color GREEN symbolizes the renewal of living things and the promise of new life and growth for the Church. The DOSSAL CURTAIN, behind the Cross, and the paraments on the pulpit and lectern visually depict a saying of Jesus: *"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters"* -John 7:30. It also reminds us of the words *"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* -Amos 5:24. The TREE OF LIFE, on either side of the Chancel depicts Revelation 22:2 *"On either side of the river was the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."* The vision of artist Don Beck remains a formative influence on the worship life of First Presbyterian Church.

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.

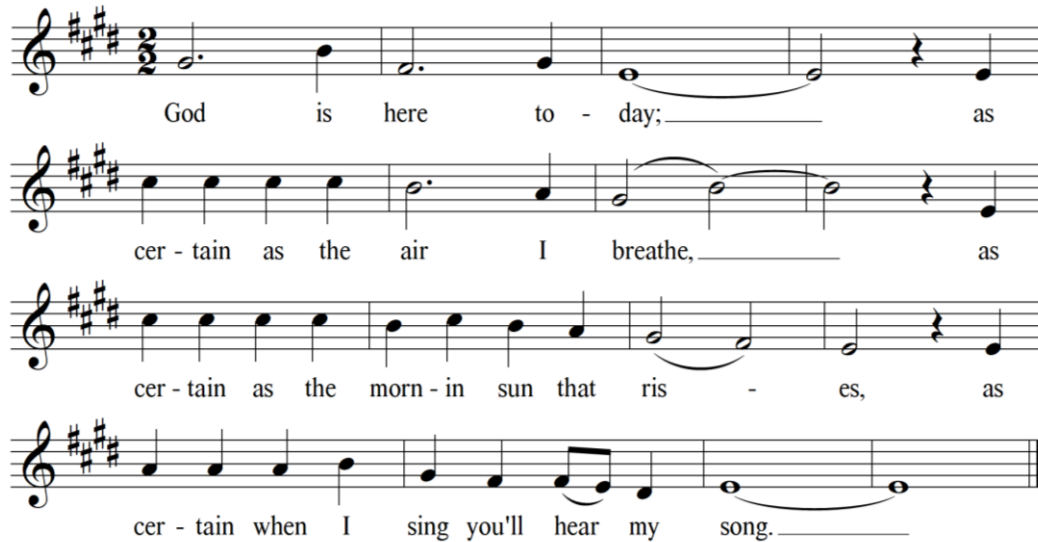
Prelude

Morning Song

Traditional, arr. David Ferreira

*Gathering Song

God Is Here Today



*Call to Worship

For the beauty of the summer day,
And the comfort of friends nearby;
For the invitation to love and be loved,
For our God who extends that call;
For time set apart to nourish the soul,
For time to go out into the world armed with love:
For all these things we give thanks.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 35

Praise Ye, the Lord the Almighty

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We are so scattered, O God:
We flit from cause to cause;
We are easily distracted by the next important thing;
We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.
Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.
Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,
as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us so generously.

(Silent Confession)

In Jesus' name 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!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has three staves: a soprano staff, an alto staff, and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1:

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!

System 2:

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!

System 3:

Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 49:1-12

- ¹Hear this, all you peoples;
 give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
²both low and high,
 rich and poor together.
³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
 the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;
 I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
 when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
⁶those who trust in their wealth
 and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
 there is no price one can give to God for it.
⁸For the ransom of life is costly
 and can never suffice,
⁹that one should live on forever
 and never see the Pit.
¹⁰When we look at the wise, they die;
 fool and dolt perish together
 and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹Their graves are their homes forever,
 their dwelling places to all generations,
 though they named lands their own.
¹²Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
 they are like the animals that perish.

Scripture Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Shephard

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heavens joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

Sermon

Rich Toward God

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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Call for Offering

Offertory Solo

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty, arr. Joel Raney

Response

Come to the Table

Jennifer Baker-Trinity

Come to the table, come to the table.

All is now ready, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Concerns and Celebrations

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.**

Institution of the Sacrament

Serving of the People

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Please receive the sacrament via the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisle.
The bread today is gluten free, and the cup is juice so all may partake.*

We serve communion by intinction—please take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.

Communion Hymn 531

Seed, Scattered and Sown, *See page 11*

Prayer After Communion

**Risen Christ, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast.
May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in
the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen**

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for Our Life in Community

*Closing Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

See page 12

*Benediction

Postlude

Gigue from *A Suffolk Suite*

James Biery

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Dave Healy
Communion Officiants:	Dave Healy & Greg Kuhlman
Musicians:	Summer Pop-Up Choir; FPC Choral Scholars: Zach Sanford, Cassie Wilson; Desra Dabney, flute
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

Today, we welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke,
General Presbyter for Maumee Valley Presbytery.

Flowers for worship are given by Beverly and Jim Dowling in memory of James M. Cain.

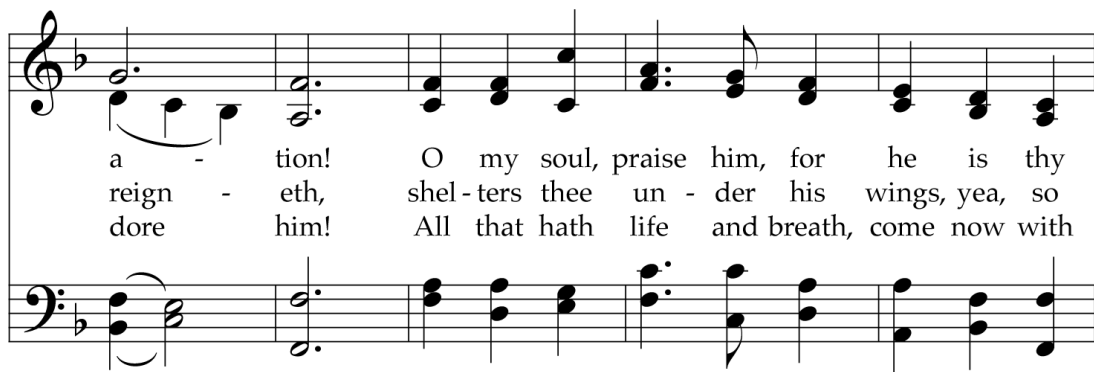
HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

*Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



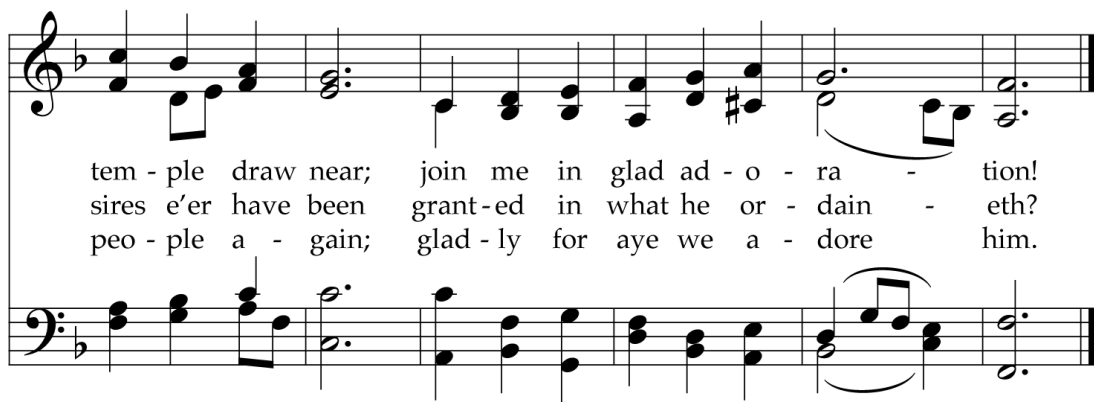
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.


This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Erneueren Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.4.7.8


God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat




1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
 8.7.8.7.D

Communion Hymn 531

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Refrain C All G Am F G C C7



Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;

F G C Am Dm7 G G7



bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.

C G Am F G C C7 F G



Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is

C Am Dm7 C Dm7 G C *Fine*



shared by all, the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

Am G F C Dm G C

Leader or All



1 Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
 2 The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
 3 As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,

E Am F G G7 *to Refrain*



Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
 The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
 so may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

This hymn draws on very old Christian materials, the earliest being Jesus' parables about sowers and seed (Matthew 13/Mark 4/Luke 8). Stanza one paraphrases 1 Corinthians 10:16, and stanza three uses imagery from the *Didache*, a major Christian document from the early 2nd century.

TEXT: Dan Feiten, 1987
 MUSIC: Dan Feiten, 1987; arr. Eric Gunnison and R. J. Miller, alt.
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SEED SCATTERED
 Irregular

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 3, 2025

TODAY

Fellowship

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Red Cross Blood Mobile

Wednesday, August 6, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Great Room

"The Need is Constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood." The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here for those willing to give. The need is great at this time. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: 1STPRESFINDLAY.

Youth Lock-In

Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 p.m.-Midnight, Fellowship Hall

All youth are invited to attend a shortened lock-in with games, food, and fun! More information to come.

Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, August 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m., FPC

Help is Needed! Please Sign up outside the Church Office or contact Katie Abbott.

FPC hosts four mobile food pantry distributions throughout the year in cooperation with Chopin Hall and other community service organizations to provide food for the hungry throughout our community.

Contact: Katie Abbott

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:

- Tuesday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 28, 4:00 p.m.—6:30 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.



**Next Sunday: Rev. Jessica Commeret, preacher;
Donna Lora, guest musician.**

Community Dinner

Next Sunday, August 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Great Room

The Community Dinner outreach provides a nutritious home-cooked meal on the 2nd Sunday of each month to the community. Volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday to prep the meal. The Community Dinner is a great way to show God's love through the gift of food and fellowship. Sign up to help outside the Church Office or contact Tracy Kennedy.

Men's Group

Sunday, August 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

This group is open to all men of our church and meets on the second Sunday of each month. Let's get to know each other better and share our work and faith stories. Hope to see all of you there.

Contact: Curt Hugunin at 419-957-2038

Music Ministry Rehearsals Begin

Wednesday, August 27

GatherRing Handbell Choir

New Rehearsal Day & Time: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Choir Room

Join us as we prepare an exciting fall lineup of music and prepare for our kick-off Sunday with guest musicians!

Staff Summer Away Dates:

Pastor Jessie: July 21-August 4

Clint Miller: August 8-22 (Vacation)

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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