# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of the eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.) Words of Welcome Prelude

Hymns 472, 487, 164

Call to Worship Psalm 85:7–9

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,

and God's glory will dwell in our land.

\* Hymn 175

"Seek Ye First"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- \* Call to Confession
- \* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

- \* Silent Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
- \* Response 582, v. 1

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and the Spirit whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10 (OT, p.835)

Psalter: Psalm 85 (Hymnal 449)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13 (NT, p.72)

Sermon: "How Much More?" Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 688

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Naomi Keller

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism and Welcome

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.

Offering

Offertory

- \* Doxology 606
- \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### GO IN GOD'S NAME

- \* Hymn 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

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**Being baptized today is Naomi Harris Keller**, daughter of Laura Acker and Jonathan Keller. Naomi is the grandchild of Heather and Warren Acker. Blessings and best wishes to all.

The rose is in honor of the baptism of Naomi Keller.

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children
And Youth Ministries Jana Schillinger
Liturgist Jay Clymer
Director of Music Frank Jones
Guest Pianist Nathaniel Worrell
Usher Barbara Norton

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# **Church Family Announcements**

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on <u>our video page on YouTube</u> and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group? We are restarting our very popular <u>Immerse Bible reading</u> groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or <u>office@fpccs.org</u>).

Interested in joining a Presbyterian Women Bible Study in the fall? We are exploring who would like to take part in a women's "circle". If interested, send a note to Barbara Pittman at peachyphace@gmail.com or call her at 570-587-2050.

<sup>\*</sup> All who are able shall stand.

**Check out our Summer Book Swap**: A table in the narthex has mystery novels, spy fiction, and a few non-fiction selections. They are for the taking (or borrowing). Have some beach books that <u>you</u> would like to share? Put them on the table!

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** through Labor Day, church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## This Week at a Glance

Today

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **4 p.m.,** AEM Christmas In July celebration of Candy Canes and Christmas Carols, Hillside Park

Tuesday, July 26

• 6 p.m., Combined Session and Deacons Meeting, Church

Wednesday, July 27

- **10:30 a.m.,** Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **7 p.m.,** Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 28

• 7 p.m., Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206

Saturday, July 30

- **12 noon**, FPCCS Book Group, Hillside Park Bring a lawn chair and lunch Sunday, July 31
  - 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.** 

