

*For surely*  
I KNOW THE  
plans  
*I have for*  
YOU,  
says the  
*Lord...*  
TO GIVE YOU A  
future  
WITH  
*Hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn Sing (9:45)  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

Hymns from Wales: 307, 260, 33

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship

God's creation is rich and full of blessings.

**We see beauty in a variety of ways.**

Different geographies, plants, and animals,  
people who are young, old,  
from a variety of places, speaking different languages.

**And we have a variety of experiences too:**

**times when life seems easy and happy,  
and times when we face challenges and even grief.**

How does God call us to respond to hard times and challenges?

**How shall we be faithful, as God is always faithful?**

\* Hymn 39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**we are grateful for the beautiful world you have created,  
and for all the blessings in our lives—we are truly grateful.**

**But we have to acknowledge that we are not always ready  
to welcome the hard times—**

**indeed, sometimes we refuse to pay attention**

**to the ways in which your creation is challenged.**

**We turn our backs on the divisions in our nation and the world.**

**We don't want to think about the ways things could go wrong,  
especially when we feel powerless to change things.**

**Sometimes we feel very small in a very big world.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to see that each of us is important to your mission of  
love.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

*We are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 10:46-52 (NT, p. 47)

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymn 679) “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11-14 (OT, p. 731)

Sermon: “Faith, Hope, and Love”

Dr. Zencka

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

\* Hymn 314      “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory                      “I Need Thee Every Hour”                      arr. Marianne Kim

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 309      “Come, Great God, of All the Ages”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude                      “The Solid Rock”                      arr. Lana Kelley

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

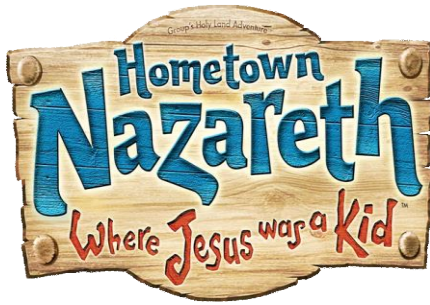
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\*      All who are able shall stand.

Rev. Carter is on vacation this week. Please welcome The Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka, our guest preacher.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	JoAnn Hall
Ushers	Barbara Norton and the Farrell Family

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## Vacation Bible School 2024

July 15-19, 9am-12pm

Age 4 through completed Grade 5



for more information and to register, visit:

[myvbs.org/fpccs](https://myvbs.org/fpccs)

**Calling all volunteers!**

We need YOU to make VBS happen!



If you'd like to help children explore Nazareth by teaching, leading, or preparing, let us know!

Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to [fpccs.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:fpccs.vbs@gmail.com)

## Church Family Announcements

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

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

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live and archived for later viewing on our website, [fpccs.org](https://fpccs.org).
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**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 staffed by Heather Lyons.

**Bible Time**, our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4), is taking a summer break and will resume in the fall.

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**Highway Clean-up Rescheduled:** After two strikeouts in June, we have rescheduled our summer highway cleanup for Saturday morning, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Methodist Church, corner of Grove Street and the Morgan Highway, at 9:00 am and be done by 10:00 am. Bags, gloves, and safety vests provided. New participants are always welcome! Contact Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net) for additional information or to let him know you'll be coming to help.

Looking ahead, we will hold our fall highway cleanup on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (same time/place) as part of our annual Worship Through Service weekend. This will replace our normal September and November cleanups.

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**Are you interested in taking a CPR and defibrillator training class**, like the one offered last fall? If yes, contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591. If there is sufficient response, a class will be scheduled.

**Opportunities to Sing:**

**July 28 and August 25** - No choir experience necessary!

Would you like to sing with a group once or twice this summer? To give it a try? Or just because the rest of the year is too busy?

**Rehearsals** are scheduled for **July 24 and August 21** at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are invited to rehearse on those Wednesdays, and sing during the service on the following Sunday.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** the children and workers attending Vacation Bible School this week, Hall, Janet, Darlene, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Jamie, Judy, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, Dawn, Bill S., Rebecca T., June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Kerry B., Brenden, Rob, Renee and family, Lucy.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** We will be going to a Rail Riders game on **Friday, August 2**. The game starts at 6:30. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. **Tickets are \$13** (for children and adults). **Please pay Betty Keen by July 21.**

**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.



## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 14

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, July 15

- **9 a.m.**, Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 16

- **9 a.m.**, Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 17

- **9 a.m.**, Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 18

- **9 a.m.**, Vacation Bible School

- 2 p.m., Sr. Game Day

Friday, July 19

- **9 a.m.**, Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 20

- 9 a.m., Highway Clean-up

Sunday, July 21

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Deadline to sign up and pay for trip to Rail Rider's Game

### Later this summer – Check your newsletters for information!

- July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School
- August 2 – Rail Riders' game

**Summer office hours** will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.



**This Week 9 a.m. to Noon!**

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