

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 7, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Mark. 1:14; 2 Cor. 12:9*

One: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

All: His grace is sufficient for us.

One: Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Rom. 5:8*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Three, Holy One, triune God,
we confess that we do not believe
that you have overcome sin and death.

We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness
than we are with the power of your love.

In fear, we worship idols;
in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;
in rage, we seek to dominate others.

O God of David, forgive us.
O Son of David, have mercy on us.
O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.

Send us out with the good news:
nothing can withstand the victory
of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Mark 6:3; 14:22-24*

One: We Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

All: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 172 *Blest Are They* WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAVID HASS

SECOND READING MARK 6:1-13

SERMON "Strength and Weakness" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

We welcome the shepherding and leadership of Linda Cook, Nancy Holland, and Don Haney.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed *page 35 in hymnal*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

- prayer continues -

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from 2 Cor. 12:9a ; Luke 12:48b*

*The Lord said to the apostle Paul, My grace is sufficient for you. . . .
Jesus also said to Peter, Every one to whom much is given,
of him much will be required. Let us bear witness to the love of God
by presenting our offerings of thanksgiving.*

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 625 *O, Lord My God* HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN *Irish Blessing* *Inside back cover of hymnal*

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Tue., July 9 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Wed., July 10 @ 10:30am - PW Bible Study
Wed., July 10 @ 12:00pm - Packing food boxes @ GFP
Wed., July 10 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., July 10 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice
Thur., July 11 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group
Thur., July 11 @ 4:30pm - Congregational Care Meeting
Sat., July 13 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Marshall Judy
Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew

First Reading—2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Second Reading—Mark 6:1-13

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Rollin Bacon; Michael Davis’ mother, Pat Davis; Lynn Cain; Gordon Germain; Joanne Waddle; Nina Wilhelm; Tommy Brence; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman’s mother; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of June	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,985	\$11,985	\$88,545	\$71,912
Non-Pledged	\$5,697	\$3,289	\$27,936	\$19,731

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....Cathy Wright

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Brenda Wesley
Ushers.....Erin Stephens & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Patti Issacs
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Linda Cook	Sue Guffey	Don Haney
Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy	Marci Randall

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

First Presbyterian Church

July 7th, 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Seventy-two Disciples, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57968> [retrieved July 3, 2024]. Original source: <http://www.getty.edu/art/collection/objects/250590/unknown-maker-the-seventy-two-disciples-ethiopian-about-1480-1520/>.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.