

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 9, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (vrs1)* HOLY MANNA

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Matt. 11:28-29*

One: Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

All: **For he is gentle and humble in heart:
in him we find rest for our souls.**

***HYMN 475** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Ps. 145:14*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Matt. 11:28*

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other
that we are tired and weighed down
by the mistakes we have made,
even in our closest relationships
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.
We give this burden to you,
mindful of Jesus' promise that
he will give us rest.
We trust in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 145:8-9*

Friends, hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all.

All: **Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy and share our
peace with one another.**

***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 *from Matt. 11:30*

FIRST READING PSALM 62:1-8
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

SECOND READING MATTHEW 11:25-30

SERMON Rev. Greg Kupar

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Ps. 145:13-14; Matt. 11:28*

*Sisters and brothers,
God is faithful and gracious to us,
upholds us, and raises us up.
Let us show our thanksgiving by giving generously
to support ministries that ease burdens
and give rest to those in need.*

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** *from Ps. 145:11-12*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 41** *Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again(vrs3)* RANDOLPH

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 following worship - Called Congregational Meeting
TODAY @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Tue., July 11 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Tue., July 11 @ 5:00pm - Christian Education Meeting
Wed., July 12 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., July 12 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Thur., July 13 @ 4:45pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting
Thur., July 13 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Bill Fountain
Ushers.....Suzanne Kidd & Mary Jones
Sound.....Josh Jones
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel

First Reading—Psalm 62:1-8

1 Only in God do I find rest;
 my salvation comes from him.
 2 Only God is my rock and my salvation—
 my stronghold—I won't be shaken anymore.
 3 How long will all of you attack others;
 how long will you tear them down
 as if they were leaning walls or broken-down fences?
 4 The only desire of this people
 is to bring others down low;
 they delight in deception.
 With their mouths they bless,
 but inside they are cursing. *Selah*
 5 Oh, I must find rest in God only,
 because my hope comes from him!
 6 Only God is my rock and my salvation—
 my stronghold—I will not be shaken.
 7 My deliverance and glory depend on God.
 God is my strong rock.
 My refuge is in God.
 8 All you people: Trust in him at all times!
 Pour out your hearts before him!
 God is our refuge! *Selah*

Second Reading—Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. ²⁶Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.
²⁷"My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.
²⁸"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. ³⁰My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Linda Bonardel's sister, Diane; Bill and Cindy Fountain's grandson, Ming; Pat Carpenter; Dave Fraley and family; Ed & Linda Cook; John Wright; Nora Harp; John Cain; Jon Burlew; Hannah Vaught's Brother-in-law, Steve Cravens; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley; Jared and Ann Hines; John Joplin; Michael & Rebecca Davis; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Sherry Woodall's sister, Ardenia; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of June	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$8,975	\$13,934	\$80,686	\$83,603
Non-Pledged	\$5,106	\$3,154	\$25,242	\$18,926

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Mary Jones
Ushers.....John Wright & Marshall Judy
Sound.....Terry Randall
Coffee Plus.....Cathy Wright
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Mike Loiacono
Preacher.....Rev. Greg Kupar

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Marty Whitson
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Katie Jones
Carol Prater	Susie Lackey	George Joplin
	Stephanie Ousley	

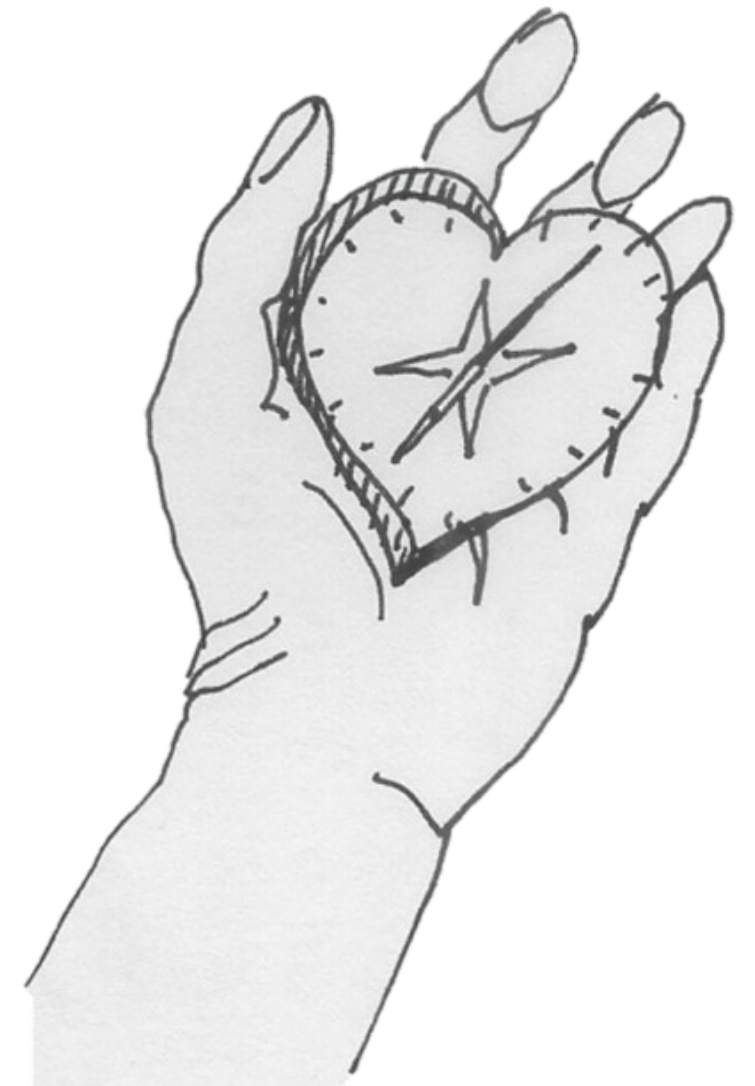
Elders:

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Forrest Brock	Charles Leveridge	Kelly Joplin
Kimberly King	Zack Vaught	Sharon Mandt
Chris Phillips	John Wright	Perry Waller

First Presbyterian Church

July 9th, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



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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.