

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 27, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Open for us the gates of righteousness,
All: **we will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
One: This is the day the Lord has made
All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*HYMN 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)
Gracious God,
we walk the road of faith each day.
Yet we stumble and fall.
We grow weary in love and service.
We become impatient when life does not go as planned.
We forget that our strength is in you, Lord.
Forgive us, heal us, strengthen us,
live in us so that we walk in faith, grow in love,
increase in praise and become whole.
In the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord, we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 138:3,7-8*

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.
When we call out to God, God answers.
All: **God saves us**
with a strong and outstretched hand.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and helped to live in grace. 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 *from Ps. 138:2;*

Isa. 51:4; Rom. 12:2

FIRST READING EPHESIANS 5:15-20

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM *Lord of All Hopefulness* SLANE

SECOND READING ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11A

SERMON "Summer's End" Rev. Jim Gilbert

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

*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 Rom. 12:6-8*

*God has given us gifts to share:
prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading,
encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness,
giving without strings attached.*

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 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS CANON

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! @ 12:00pm - Called Congregational Meeting to
vote on the number of Deacons and Elders
Wed., Aug. 30 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Aug. 31 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Fri., Sept. 1 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evan's

Looking Ahead

Sun., Sept. 3 @ 12:00pm - Congregation Input into Pastor Search
and Pizza lunch
Sun. Sept. 17 @ 11:00am - Fall Worship & picnic at SomerSport
Wed. Sept. 20 @ 5:30pm - Cajun Night Fellowship Meal

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Nina Wilhelm
Ushers.....Paula Burlew & Mary Jones
Sound.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Suzanne Kidd

First Reading—Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Second Reading—Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a

¹For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ^{11a}He has made everything suitable for its time;



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Don Haney; the family of Mike Mink; Alice Harrison; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; the family of Faustine Norfleet; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Mary Beth Waller's mom, Wilma Boyd; Carol Prater; Jennifer Williams; the family of Tana Young, Erin Stephens and family in the passing of her mother; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright's sister Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Nora Harp; Jared and Ann Hines; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of July	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,455	\$13,934	\$94,141	\$97,536
Non-Pledged	\$4,785	\$3,154	\$28,396	\$22,080

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Laura Wright
Ushers.....Sue Guffey & Kim King
Sound.....Jon Burlew & Paul Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Jim Gilbert

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller Stephanie Ousley

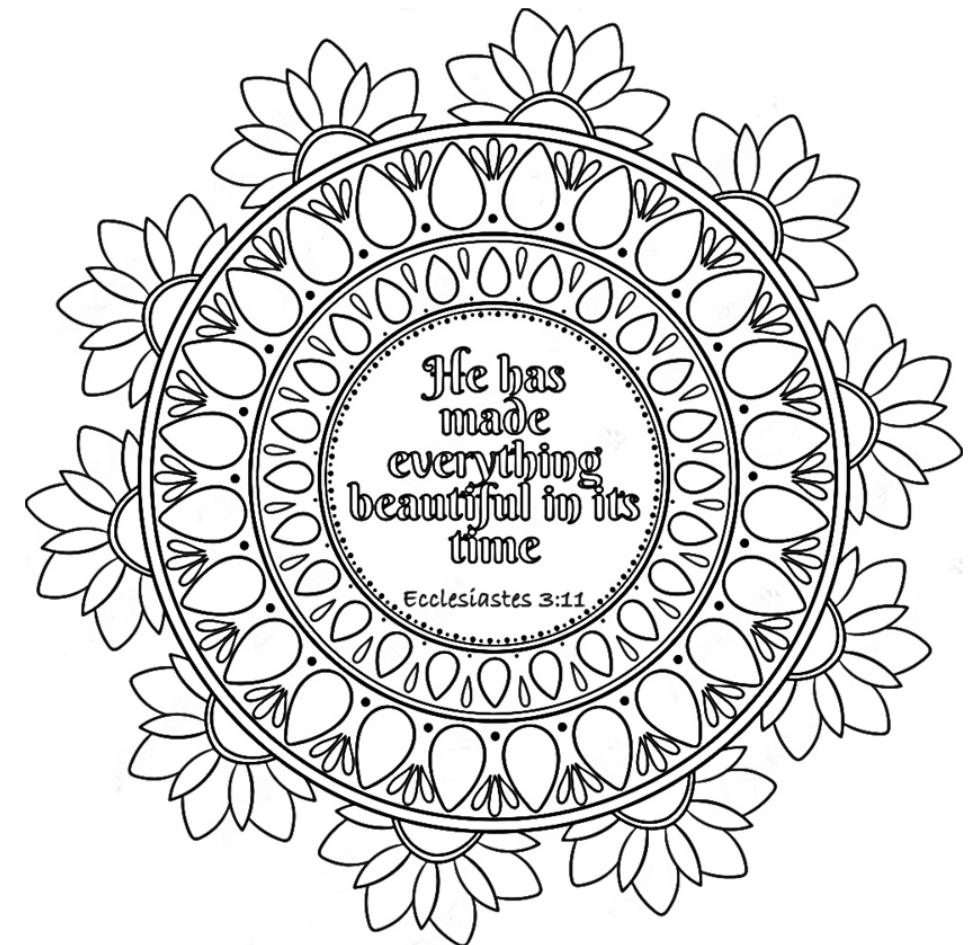
Elders:

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

First Presbyterian Church

August 27th, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Swanson, John August. Ecclesiastes, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56542> [retrieved August 24, 2023]. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

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.