



**First Reading—Psalm 105:4-6, 23-26, 45b**

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;  
 seek his presence continually.  
 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
 his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,  
 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
 children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
 23 Then Israel came to Egypt;  
 Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.  
 24 And the Lord made his people very fruitful  
 and made them stronger than their foes,  
 25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,  
 to deal craftily with his servants.  
 26 He sent his servant Moses  
 and Aaron, whom he had chosen.  
 45b Praise the Lord!

**Second Reading—Matthew 16:21-28**

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."  
 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?  
 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

David Bosh; 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
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$13,455	\$13,934	\$94,141	\$97,536
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$4,785	\$3,154	\$28,396	\$22,080

**Assisting In Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Nina Wilhelm  
**Ushers**.....Paula Burlew & Mary Jones  
**Sound**.....Sue Guffey  
**Coffee Plus**.....Suzanne Kidd  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Preacher**.....Rev. Mike Chamberlain

**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**

September 3rd, 2023

**Fourteenth 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.