

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 14, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 364 *Lift Up the Gates Eternal* GILU HAGALILIM

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Col. 1:19-22

One: In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

All: **Through him God was reconciled to all things
in heaven and on earth, even to us,**

One: that we might be holy and blameless before God.

All: **In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.**

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

from Luke 10:41

Merciful God,
we confess that we have been distracted with
many things
and have not loved you with our whole heart
and strength.

We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the
weak to be oppressed.

We have been impatient in worship and insincere in
our dealings with others.

We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded
warnings of judgment.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

Free us from our habits of pride,
and make us steadfast in faith,

that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Eph. 1:7, 13d

One: Though we were once estranged,
in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.
Baptized, forgiven, and freed,
we are one with the Lord and with each other.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

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

*RESPONSE 582

NEW GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

COLOSSIANS 1:9-20

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

ANTHEM

Special Music

Maxine Franklin

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

SERMON

"This is the Christ we Preach" Rev. Norman Franklin

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CHURCH CREED

We believe God's love sets us free
as the church with a common heritage,
bound together as one family,
nourished by the gift of His Son.

We believe God's love sets us free
from fear, judgment, and death.

We believe God's love sets us free
with energy and strength for commitment.

We believe God's love sets us free,
renewing our faith, hope, and trust.

We believe God's love sets us free
to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.

We believe God's love sets us free!

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

*In gratitude for all that God has done for us,
let us present our gifts to God.*

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 Luke 10:42

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*BLESSING

HYMN 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

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

Mon., July 15 @ 10:00am-1:00pm - Visitation for Glenda Wilson

Mon., July 15 @ 1:00pm - Funeral for Glenda Wilson at FPC

Wed., July 17 @ 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

Wed., July 17 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice

Thur., July 18 @ 4:00pm - Deacon's Meeting

Thur., July 18 @ 5:00pm - Session Meeting

Fri., July 19 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies to Cabaña Mexican Grill

Sat., July 20 @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Troy Jamieson

Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright

Audio.....Paul Guffey

Video.....Sue Guffey

Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon

First Reading—Colossian 1:9-20

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
¹⁶ For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He is before all things, and by him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
²⁰ and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Second Reading—Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I have become its servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me.

Scripture verses taken from the Christian Standard Bible



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Glenda Wilson; 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; 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.....Cathy Wright
Next Week.....Marci Randall

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Marshall Judy
Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Norman Franklin

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		

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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.