

GATHERING

God of goodness and growth, let your love be made real in me this day. Soften the hardened places of my heart and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety. Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Allemande from Partita No. 2
Linda Weltner, violin; Dr. Seoyun Rho, piano

J.S. Bach & R. Schumann

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!

God, the Creator, has made it all.

Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

* HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our indifferent expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Alison Barat, flute

J. S. Cool

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Jonathon Haney

(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

* **HYMN 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Live in Justness, Not in Judgment
With Ourselves

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Faith Begins by Letting Go
Alison Barat and Norah Barat, vocalists

C. Gounod

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God. Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness. Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

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

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Bourree from Cello Suite No. 3
Linda Weltner, violin; Dr. Seoyun Rho, piano

J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Matt Mitchell

ACOLYTE: Grace Berger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 USHER: Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Jelvi Fika, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Miriam FitzGerald by the FitzGerald family.

TODAY'S SERMON IS LIVE IN JUSTNESS, NOT IN JUDGEMENT: WITH OURSELVES. Various parts of the service relate to the Matthew 19:16-22 passage.

*Anthem: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - Matthew 19:21

*Hymn of the Day: O Jesus, I Have Promised - Matthew 19:16-30

*Offertory: Faith Begins by Letting Go - Matthew 19:16-30

*Sending Hymn: Be Thou My Vision - Matthew 19:21

The gathering hymn, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty," is from the GATHERING section of our *Glory to God* Hymnal.

We thank Linda Weltner and Dr. Seoyun Rho for preparing our hearts for worship with the prelude of J.S. Bach and Robert Schumann, as well as sending us on our way with the postlude by J.S. Bach. Also, we thank mother and daughter, Alison and Norah, for sharing the anthem and offertory with us. The offertory, "Faith Begins by Letting Go," is one of the 853 hymns in our *Glory to God* hymnal. More information about this hymn can be found in *Glory to God* #684.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Jed Keesling. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, Faith Thompson, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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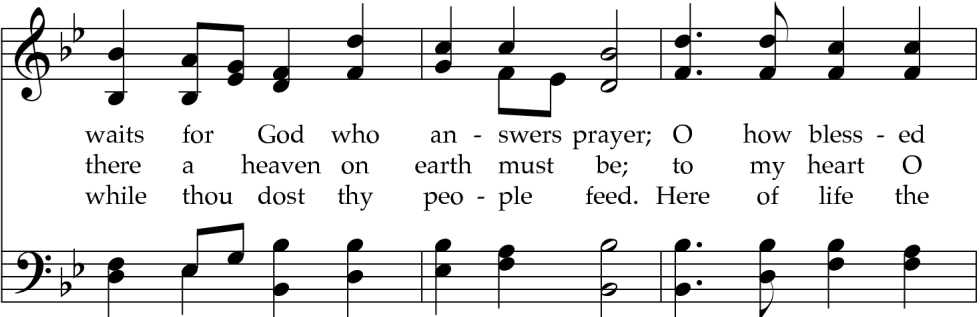
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-22 (NRSV)

¹⁶ Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

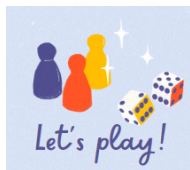
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Summerween Movie Night

Tomorrow, Monday, July 13 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., we are having a movie night in the youth room! All rising 6th graders to graduated seniors are welcome to join us. Pizza and snacks will be provided. RSVP not required, but will help us plan how much food to order. Text Katherine Whisler with any questions or to RSVP. See you then!



All-Church Game Night

Everyone is invited to Gordon Hall on Wednesday, July 15 from 6-8 p.m. We will provide sliders, sides, and chips. Please bring a dessert or fruit for 10-12 people. We will have some games to play, but bring a favorite game if you have one! RSVP to Beverly Vloedman at dvloedman@aol.com.



Do You Have a Favorite Hymn?

In July, share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. In August, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary or submit answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together this summer.

Youth Gatherings

Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. our Middle Schoolers connect for creek play and clean-up, wear a swimsuit. Lunch included at Wests' house (volunteer hours, bring your forms!) - RSVP to Holli Best for address. ***High schoolers may join as helpers to also earn volunteer hours.* On Sunday, July 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. the High School students meet for games and popsicles at Flavet Field. RSVP to Holli Best.



Cookie Baking for Children and Teens

Join us Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fun time of baking, learning and fellowship as we make homemade cookies to share during our church social hour. Whether you're an experienced baker or have never cracked an egg before, you are all welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. See the calendar page in Gordon Hall or the Narthex for full details and RSVP to Kate Vellis at kvellis@bellsouth.net.



The End of our Fiscal Year

June 30 was the end of our fiscal year. If you need to continue to make payments on your 2025-2026 pledge, please mark your check or envelope accordingly, so it will be applied correctly. Email Trudy Bonerba or call the church office if you have any questions.



Click the link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.** for our televised broadcast  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org

Ministries & Staff

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Preschool Director

LISA HERSHKOWITZ - preschool@1stpc.org

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. **Contact:** Victoria Bernard - toraleighb@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are excused from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith on Sundays during the school year. **Contact:** Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry during the school year with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. **Contact:** Bev Vloedman dvloedman@aol.com

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

Director of College Ministry

JONATHAN HANEY - college@1stpc.org

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry

FRED LUNDY - youngadult@1stpc.org

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 12, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 1 & 2 - Jed Keesling - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 9:37-62 - Dan Sutton - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Monday, July 13, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Service Day - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory Summer Book Study

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. All-Church Game Night

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Friday, July 17, 2026

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. MS Youth Creek Play at the Wests' house

Sunday, July 19, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 3 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 10:1-24 - Rick Smith - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Gathering - Flavet Field



Cookie Baking for Children and Teens Saturday, July 25

Whether you're an experienced baker or have never cracked an egg before, you are all welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. We'll learn some baking basics, work together in teams, and enjoy spending time with friends while preparing treats for our church family.

Time: 10:00 am to about 2:00 pm

Who: Children and teens, and those who are young at heart

What to Bring: an apron (if you have one) a friend and your smile

Come ready to measure, mix, bake, and serve. We hope you'll join us as we use our hands and hearts to bless our congregation with homemade cookies! Email Kate Vellis at kvellis@bellsouth.net if you plan to attend, so we can prepare enough ingredients and supplies.

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