

August 6, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Jesu, Joy, of Man's Desiring, from Cantata No. 147* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Dan Sansbury

Minute for Mission Our New Hearing Loop Elder Cam Beck

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Gina Goddard
As the Apostle Paul writes to us, in his letter to the Ephesians,
“I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
Let us with all humility, gentleness and patience bear with one another in love.
Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
There is one God and Father of all, who is above all and through and in all.”
[Ephesians 4.1-5]

***Hymn** 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, as the scriptures promise us, “*if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world*” [I John 2.1-2). Let us confidently admit our need of forgiveness to our gracious God. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, you ask us to use things and love people, but we confess that sometimes we love things and use people. Too many of our relationships are broken by selfishness and pride. Too many of our families and friends are injured by our thinking first and only of ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew. Transform us into truly caring, sacrificing, loving people. Make us the servant Church that you want us to be, for the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, remember the good news! “*For God so loved the world that He gave us his only Son, so that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. For the Son did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him*” [John 3.16-17). We are the world for whom Christ came, Christ died and Christ rose again.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *How Great Thou Art* Kartsonakis

***Praise of God**

**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**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Receive God's Word

Message to the Children

Scripture I John 4.7-21

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

Message “Being Church Together in a World of Separation”
Dr. Sansbury

***Hymn of Preparation** 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
MORE LOVE TO THEE

We Share in The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table
The Great Thanksgiving
The LORD be with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
It is right to give God our thanks and praise . . .

The Words of Institution
Prayer of Dedication
Distribution of the Elements
Prayers of the People and 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.**

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 375 *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Recessional* Wetherill

The Church This Week (8/6/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of August 6, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Atha Lou Gibson
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Beth O’Neal
 Marion Murphy
 Bobbie Jones
 Keller Smith

WELCOME to worship! We are glad that you have joined us today!

TODAY is a communion Sunday. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the sacrament with us.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work of seeking our next installed pastor. Members are Cathy Chapman (Chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Christie McLeod, John Long and Calvin Phillips. The congregation is asked to pray for our PNC throughout the pastoral search process.

The Youth Coordinator Search Committee members are Kelli Beck (chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Tammy Joyce, Eva Goddard and Craig Goddard. Please remember our search team in your prayers. Also, send your suggestions for this part-time position to our committee members.

Print copies of Dr. Sansbury’s previous sermons are available in the narthex, or you may request a copy mailed to you by calling the church office (843-537-7474). Focus for next Sunday: I John 1.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>

August 6 – Shelley Morgan

NEW--Pastor’s Pals! NEW activities are now available in the narthex for children ages 1st grade & up who remain during the service! Worksheets, games, and fun activities are provided for our little ones in a canvas bag labeled “Pastor’s Pals” located in the narthex. Just pick one up before the service and enjoy! We ask that you neatly place all items back in their respective bags and return to its proper place after the service so that other kids can enjoy the following week. An engaging, interactive worksheet is available for those children who pay special attention to the service. Just fill it out and see Dr. Dan after church for a prize!



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

The Church Staff

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullledge, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gina Goddard	Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck
John Joyce	Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson
Christie McLeod	David Nagel	Mary Jane Evans
Calvin Phillips	Dan Tillman, III	Jean Page Watson
Charlene Tillman	Jennifer Tillman	

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

***Rooted by God’s Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ’s Love***

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