

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Schönster Herr Jesu”

Arr.: Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patty June, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #2 *(see bulletin)*

“Sing Praise to God”

Johann Jacob Schütz

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in God’s mercy to save us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

According to the riches of his grace, hear this good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #321 *(see bulletin)*

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Spafford/Bliss

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prelude on Converse”

Franklin Ritter

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(5th grade or younger)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

I Kings 19:1-18

ANTHEM

“Cover Me”

Billingsly/Drennan

SECOND READING:

John 20:24-29

SERMON

“When Love Meets Our Darkness”

Austin Pounds

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The 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; 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.

*HYMN #415 *(see bulletin)*

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Hart/WALKER'S SOUTHERN HARMONY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Gabriel Pierné

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in sanctuary today are to the glory of God
and in celebration of our children and the joy they bring to all they meet!*

Love, John & Rebecca Peters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Marshall McCranie and Laura Hall

Sunday, August 24 at 6 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS TONIGHT!

Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

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Thursday, September 4 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FPC

BUY YOUR MISSION DINNER TICKETS

The FDP Bangladesh benefit dinner will be Sunday, September 14 from 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll, and Peach Cobbler (& Ice Cream & Iced Tea for EAT IN)

Donation: \$10.00 per plate *SEE PATTY JUNE FOR TICKETS*

HELPING HANDS DONATIONS: BACKPACKS FOR HOPE

Our church will be supporting our Backpacks ministry to local children during this quarter. During the last school year, our Alice Griner Backpacks for Hope Ministry served 52 kids in 14 different families with bags of food weekly to help them get through the weekend. The ladies who prepare the bags of food can stretch every dollar by purchasing items that are on sale each week of delivery.

So, as we prepare for the new school year, the BEST thing you can do to support the ministry is make a financial donation by writing a separate check to First Presbyterian and put "backpacks" in the memo line. You can bring/send the check to the office or put it in the collection plate.

If you prefer to donate food items, please **only bring select items from this list in September** to ensure freshness: Peanut butter, Vienna sausages, Individual packaged fruit (raisins, fruit cups), breakfast bars, granola bars, spaghetti sauce (ONLY can or plastic containers - no glass) and Spaghetti noodles.

WATCH RESERVATIONS

MENU: Wednesday, August 27

Regular/Children: Fried Chicken, Fried Livers & Gizzards, Cornbread, Rolls, Brown Rice, Green Beans & Bacon

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Peach Cobbler, Cookies, Ice Cream

Contact Penny to make your reservation: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com