

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Arr.: Mary Ellen Kerrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Turner, Liturgist

Leader: Come, let us worship the God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

People: Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

Leader: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in his Holy Spirit.

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #60 (see bulletin)

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Caswell/Barnby

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless. The riches of God’s grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses. Let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others. We do not deserve your mercy. Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. You made us for the purpose of praising you; enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling in the name of our Lord 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 #374 (see bulletin)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Dorsey/Allen

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

“Air”

Jean-Baptiste de Bousset

*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:

Psalms 139:1-18

ANTHEM

“Your Grace Is All I Need”

Ovakaitys/Nolan

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

“Silencing Our Dragons: A Love That Knows Us”

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 #2 *(see bulletin)*

“Sing Praise to God”

Johann Schütz

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Old Hundredth”

J.C. Bach

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers in sanctuary today are to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Joan White

Monday, July 14 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, July 14 at 1 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING at DQ

Tuesday, July 15 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Wednesday, July 16 at 5 p.m. CORNERSTONES trip – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Missionary Pam – dessert/coffee/tea in the parlor

Thursday, July 24 *Stained Glass Gazette returns to schedule*

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

Rally Day: Sunday, August 10

First WATCH of the new school year: Wednesday, August 13

HELPING HANDS: ALICE GRINER BACKPACKS FOR HOPE MINISTRY

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 in the helping hands box, 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.

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES: July 22 at 7 p.m.

Join us for dessert and coffee/tea with our missionary, Pam, and her co-worker, Emre, on Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in the Vereen Parlor.

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Join us Friday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at 4th St. SW Pool 1020 for a party to celebrate the end of summer.

There will be swimming, WIBIT, an obstacle course and refreshments.

Please contact our DCE Austin Pounds for details at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.