

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on "Duke Street"

James Mansfield

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: We gather together in Your presence, O God, with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, and eager to hear Your Word.

People: Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word be scattered among us this morning and fall on fertile soil.

Leader: May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.

People: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN #2 *(see bulletin)*

"Sing Praise to God"

Schütz/Cox

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Proclaim the good news with me: Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called back home.

People: 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

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Air”

Jean-Baptiste de Bousset

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Luke 8:40-56

ANTHEM

“Know My Heart”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Psalm 139

SERMON

“Fully Known and Loved”

Austin Pounds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***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 #796** *(see bulletin)*

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

Stuempfle/Buchanan

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we go from this place, let us look for God in unexpected places and unexpected people. Let us love and serve our Lord by loving and serving those around us. Let us honor the most vulnerable and lift up the weak, rejoicing in God’s presence among us.

People: **And may the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of the Creator God, and the connecting power of the Holy Spirit accompany us all on our journeys. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

J.C. Bach

(*) *We stand as we are able*

Our Church has been blessed with many saints too numerous to list who have led us, taught us, and influenced us.

*The flowers are given in their memory and in gratitude for the gift of service they have been
to First Presbyterian Church of Moultrie.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders of the Month: Elaine Barber & Aileen McNair

Monday, July 20 at 1 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting at Dairy Queen

NO SESSION IN JULY

Tuesday, July 21 at 4 p.m. MISSIONS

Wednesday, July 22 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Margarita's

Sunday, July 26 following the 11 a.m. service—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect church officers

Saturday, August 1 FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING at our church!

Sunday, August 2 at Noon – THRIVE youth fun park trip

Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study

(5-week study begins, using *Second Thoughts About Hell* by Allen & Cornwall)

Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. OUR TIME – GAMES!

Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE – alternative worship, fellowship & discussion

Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPERS RESUME!!

DINNER AT FIVE

This Wednesday, July 22, our Dinner at Five crew will meet up at the Margarita's at 5 p.m. Please let the office know by tomorrow (Monday) afternoon if you are interested: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES BY THE END OF JULY

August 1st, we will be hosting the Flint River Presbytery meeting. FRP is collecting school supplies for refugees in partnership with New American Pathways. Help us by donating items listed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

BACKPACKS FOR HOPE

Our church will be supporting our Backpacks ministry to local children during this quarter with the Helping Hands Box donations in the Fellowship Hall. At the end of the last school year, our Alice Griner Backpacks for Hope Ministry was serving 24 families, which included 82 kids, 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.