

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## July 20, 2025

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Rondeau”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brooks Sheldon, Liturgist

**Leader:** Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

**People:** God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.

#### \*HYMN #49 *(see bulletin)*

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Franz/Walworth

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin, confident in God’s love for us.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

*God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. 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 #410 *(see bulletin)*

“Near to the Heart of God”

McAfee

### 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Arr.: William B. Bradbury

**\*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: Isaiah 61:1-3

ANTHEM "Praise the Lord in a Song" Mary McDonald

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON "The Dragon Slaying Church: Empowered to Heal" 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 #509** (see bulletin) "In Christ There is No East or West" Oxenham

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Thine is the Glory" Arr.: Lani Smith

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor Elizabeth Samford's 102nd birthday (Carrie's grandmother)  
and in celebration of Carrie and Judd Lasseter's 22nd anniversary.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Brooks Sheldon and Joan White

Monday, July 21 at 5 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m. COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. MEET MISSIONARY PAM – dessert/coffee/tea in the parlor

Thursday, July 24 at 11 a.m. FUNERAL for Bobby Harnage in the sanctuary, followed by visitation

Saturday, July 26 at 7 p.m. COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT in the FPC sanctuary

Tuesday, July 29 at 5:15 p.m. CALLED SESSION MEETING

### **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](mailto:dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com).**

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

**Rally Day: Sunday, August 10**

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY: August 31**

**MISSIONS DINNER: September 14**

### **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.