

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

People: we come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

Leader: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

People: we follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

Leader: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

People: we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

*HYMN #119 *(see bulletin)*

"Open My Eyes"

Clara H. Scott

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God who loves us with a love that surpasses understanding. Even when we struggle to forgive ourselves, God reaches out to us with grace and peace. There isn't anything that could take that love away. So we come to God to name where we have failed, trusting in God's amazing grace. Friends, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. Lord, hear our prayer...
Our prayers continue in silence

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends, God loves you. God wants to be in relationship with you. God allows nothing to come between you and God. Believe this and know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

*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 #86 *(see bulletin)*

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Croly/Atkinson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES & COMMISSIONING SUMMER CAMPERS *(see back page)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalm 8

ANTHEM

"He Leadeth Me"

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Romans 5:1-8

SERMON

"The Intersection of Faith and Suffering"

Rev. Rick Douylliez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Question 21 of the Heidelberg Catechism)

Question: What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ's merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #8** *(see bulletin)*

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby/Doane

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Friends, we cannot stay here. There is work to be done out there. Go, be the church in the world. Love boldly. Speak bravely. Laugh joyfully. And trust in what the Lord can do.

People: **May the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit uplift and uphold you now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Carl Chesley Hall's birthday,
by Laura & Leila Hall.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 14-19 Summer Camp at Dogwood Acres

Monday, June 15 at 9 a.m. TIDY TEAM

Tuesday, June 16 NURSES LUNCHEON in our fellowship hall

Tuesday, June 16 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Wednesday, June 17 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE – Rancho Grande

Thursday, June 18 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Sunday, June 21 FATHER's DAY

Monday, June 22 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Wednesday, June 24 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE Green Tomato

Sunday, June 28 at 12:15 p.m. Cornerstones -VSU theatre trip

SUMMER CAMP

This afternoon, June 14th, Daja, Devota, Michael and Melody will be traveling to Dogwood Acres in Chipley, FL for a week of fun, fellowship and faith building with the Savannah Presbytery. Please pray for safe travels and a wonderful week making new friends and learning new things.

TIDY TEAM MEETS TOMORROW

If you have an interest in helping to keep our church clean and tidy, we invite you to join the "TIDY TEAM." We will meet once a month (on the 3rd Monday at 9AM) to clean and tidy up a specific area of the church on a rotating schedule. We are meeting tomorrow, June 15. Please contact Dianne Klar or Dottie Ward (891-5499) if you are willing to join us.

NURSES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, June 16th, Patty will be preparing a luncheon for the Ellenton Clinic nurses from around the state. The Mildred Jordan fund is supporting this annual FPC lunch where we feed and honor the nurses who provide medical care to our migrant community.

DINNER AT FIVE

This Wednesday, June 17th, our Dinner at Five crew will meet up at Rancho Grande in downtown Moultrie at 5 p.m.. Please let the office know by tomorrow (Monday) afternoon if you are interested: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com. *Check the bulletin board & lobby tables for the full summer schedule.*

SUMMER CAMP COMMISSIONING SERVICE

PASTOR RICK: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was the Light of all humanity. That Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot extinguish it. As you travel to camp this week—you are carrying the Light of Christ from this church and your family to share with others. (based on John 1:1-18)

AUSTIN: We will be praying for you to reflect the true Light of Christ in all that you do this week so that others may see Him through your love.

CONGREGATION: **The Light has come. We send you to shine.**

AUSTIN: We are praying that you will be fully present with those who will be leading camp activities—listening, learning, and loving as Christ first loved us.

CONGREGATION: **The Light shines in the darkness. We send you to carry that Light. We also pray that the Light of Christ will shine through you.**

PASTOR RICK: As the body of Christ here at First Presbyterian Church , we dedicate ourselves to pray specifically and continually for each of you with the hope and presence of Jesus.

CONGREGATION: **As you go, we go with you. We will lift you in prayer so that through you, God's Light may be seen, known, and received.**

PASTOR RICK AND CONGREGATION: **May the grace, truth, and Light of our Lord Jesus Christ go before you, surround you, and reflect the glory of the One who came to bring light to the world. Go forth with our love!**

ALL: Amen. Let there be light!

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