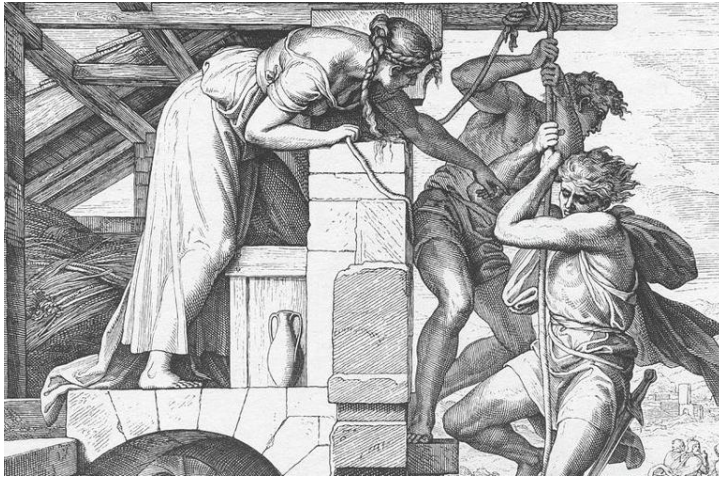


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRAPEVINE

17TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 20, 2026

10:30 AM



Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God. Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! So that we might begin to be in a Christian relationship with you, we encourage you to register your attendance (1) by using your phone to scan the QR code below and provide your email, phone number, and/or home address, or (2) by completing a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and placing it in the offering plate. Thank you - we look forward to seeing you again soon!



QR Code for visitors

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

ASSISTED HEARING: Assisted hearing devices are available in the Sanctuary so that you can receive a live feed from the sound board right from your smartphone. Simply download the "ListenWifi" app from the App Store or the Google Play Store (for iPhones and Android phones, respectively). For assistance, Evan Hinton will be at the sound board at the rear of the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is God in heaven above and on earth below.

ALL: To God all angels cry aloud, "Holy! Holy! Holy!"

One: This is the Creator, who fashioned the universe from nothing.

ALL: With God's help, then, no problem can be too difficult, no burden too heavy.

One: And no praise can be too great. Let us sing praise to God.

*HYMN 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

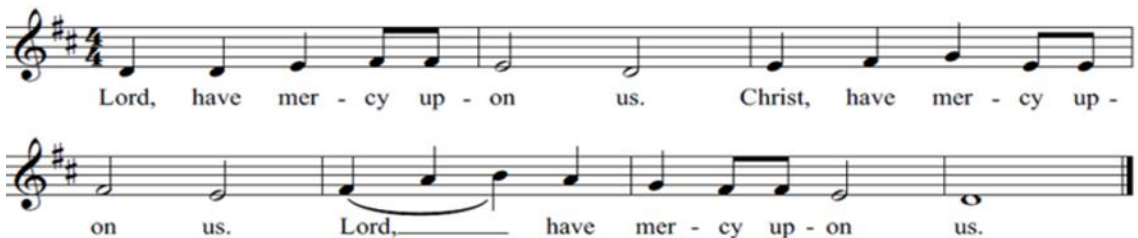
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are always asking, most gracious God. Even if we have what we need, even what we want, we ask for more. More money, more comfort, more entertainment. More for ourselves. But do we ask for more for others who have little? Are we willing to risk losing our place in line to assist someone weaker who tries but has fallen behind? Or will we even lose our "place in line" if we do so? Tune our hearts, most loving God, so that we ask for what benefits all of your children. Teach us to ask for humility before we ask for power. Forgive us where we have done wrong, that we may do better, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

*HYMN 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F[#]) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7)(D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(* In this context, the word “catholic” means “universal.”)

HYMN 188

“Jesus Loves Me,” v. 1

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We pray that God’s merciful blessings will abide with William Alan Pritchett, son of Mark and Shannon Pritchett, as he is presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Ash Warren is serving as the Elder Representative.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Do we, as Christ's body, the Church, promise to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and to include William in our caring by surrounding him with our love and prayers, whether he is near or far from us, so that he will know he is a part of God's community of love and forgiveness?

ALL: We do, with God's help.

One: To the children and young people of this congregation: The adults have made a commitment to William. However, you too are important in God's work. Will you promise to welcome him and to share your love of Jesus with everyone you meet? If so, say "We will with God's help."

ALL: We will with God's help.

HYMN 188

"Jesus Loves Me," vs. 2

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lori Bland

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

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I'll Praise My Maker"

Lloyd Pfautsch

Sanctuary Choir

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***DOXOLOGY**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

James 2:14-26

SECOND READING

Joshua 2:1-24

SERMON

"Being an Outsider"

Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 841

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

WEDLOCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Barbara Nunn for serving as liturgist.

Parents' Night Out

A night out for you. A night of fun for them.

First Presbyterian Church invites families from our church and community to Parents' Night Out on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Drop off the kids for an evening of Halloween fun with games, crafts, snacks, a movie and plenty of time to play while you enjoy three kid-free hours.

Open to potty trained children through fifth grade. Cost is \$10 per child, payable by cash or check at drop off. Space is limited.

Register today:

<https://fpcgv-pno.vercel.app/pno>

STAYING CONNECTED

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings. Monetary offerings may be given in the offering plate or electronically by scanning the QR code below.



ATTENDANCE

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.

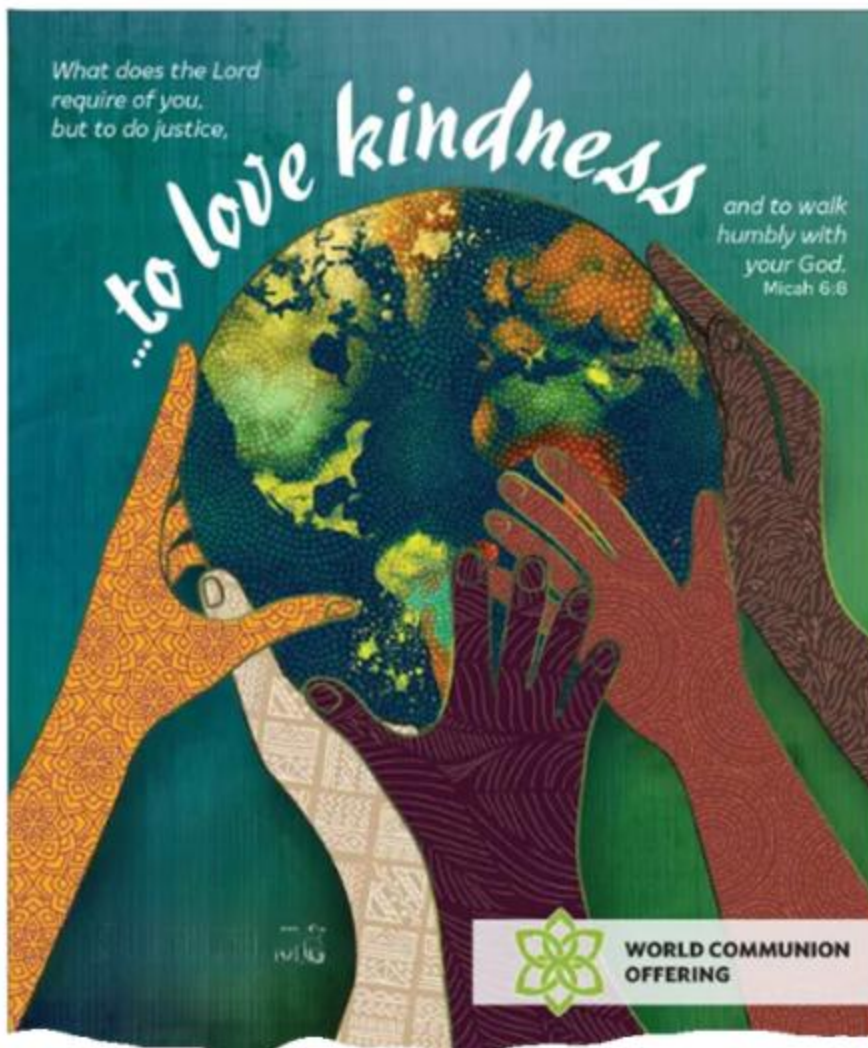


Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Sunday, September 20, 12:00 pm Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Wednesday, September 23, 7:45 am Men's Fellowship Group
- Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 24, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, September 24, 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 24, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your "Narthex News."





Text GIVEWCO to 41444



If you wish to donate with a check, make the check out to the church but be sure to list World Communion Offering in the memo line.

If you have already filled out the Trunk Or Treat survey, THANK YOU!
It's very short and simple to fill out. It looks like we have interest in
doing one at our church! We need a few more cars! We can help
decorate if you can give your time and vehicle. Please express your
opinion by tapping on the link below.

Thanks, Sally Wheeler

