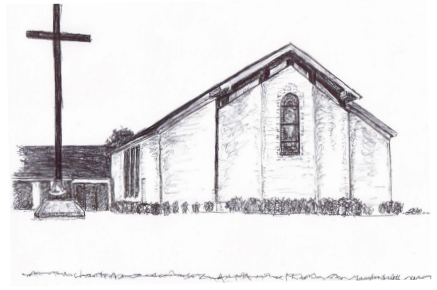


Presby News

JUNE 2026



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

June has arrived, wrapping us in the gentle warmth of the summer sun, longer afternoons, and a beautiful spirit of renewal. The Memorial Day has officially announced the official summer break, backyard grills are heating up, and gardens are finally blooming in full color. It is a unique month that practically begs us to slow down, step onto the porch swing, and enjoy evening conversations while the sunlight dances through the trees. Even the liturgical colors for summer turn to green! June invites us to transition into a completely different rhythm. It is a season of pure grace. It's anything but Ordinary Time.

When we look at the natural beauty unfolding all around us this month, we are reminded that God is the author of these changes. He builds a beautiful order into our world, a truth echoed perfectly by the writer of Ecclesiastes: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* Ecclesiastes 3:1

This timeless wisdom reminds us that our lives are meant to move in cycles. We are not designed to run on a treadmill of endless, exhausting work without pause. God establishes seasons of intense planting and hard work, but He just as intentionally creates seasons for growth, warmth, and rest. June is a wonderful invitation to lean into that divine timing to rest in the absolute assurance that God is present in every changing chapter of our lives.

For many of our families, this season of activity means a few trips to the park, weekends packed with travel sports, or a long-awaited family vacation. Because of those great adventures, you might find yourself missing a Sunday or two in the pews this summer.

If you find yourself away from us this month, please go with our absolute blessing. Leave any generational guilt far behind!

True recreation is a holy thing. If you break down the word *recreation*, it means to "re-create." When God finished the work of creation, He modeled this beautiful rhythm by resting and celebrating the peace of what He had made. When we take time to lounge around with our kids, go fishing, or share an outdoor barbecue with neighbors, we are re-creating that special moment of peace. We are re-aligning our hearts with God's goodness, stepping away from daily stress, and renewing our hope.

Whether you spend this month tackling lingering "honey-do" projects, visiting far-away destinations, or simply watching a dragonfly hover over a quiet pond, keep your eyes wide open for God's presence. He is right there with you in the middle of your summer fun.

We will certainly miss the unique joy and energy you bring to our church family while you are away. But more importantly, we will be waiting with great excitement for your return. When you get back, we want to hear all about the highlights of your journey, see your faces light up with joy, and be encouraged by the stories of how you found rest.

Let us embrace June with open, grateful hearts that are ready to rest, ready to grow, and ready to celebrate our good God.

Grace and Peace,
Greg



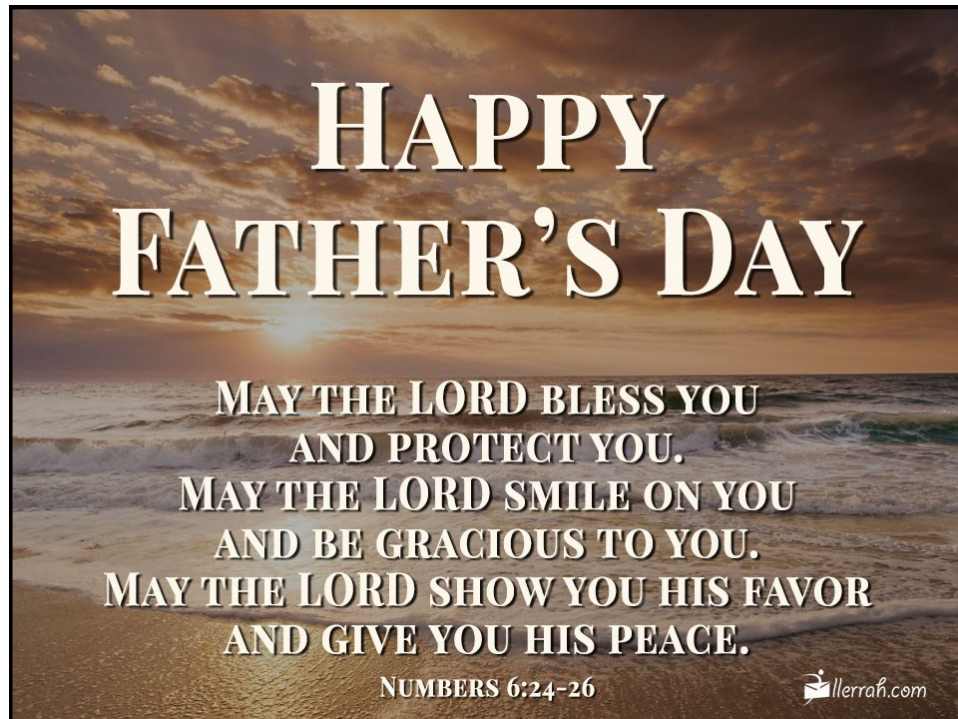
SPECIAL DATES

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| June 7 | Brookdale Worship
Communion |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 19 | Juneteenth |
| June 21 | Father's Day |
| June 28 | Session Meeting |





On Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church hosted
A Foster Care Community event.
Food, education and fellowship were enjoyed by all!



June Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
June 7	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	Communion Team: Bill Higgins/Elizabette Kennedy
June 14	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
June 21	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
June 28	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	

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Dee Sutro 6/20
 Aaron Rogers 6/26
 Aaron & Maudiel Rogers 6/28



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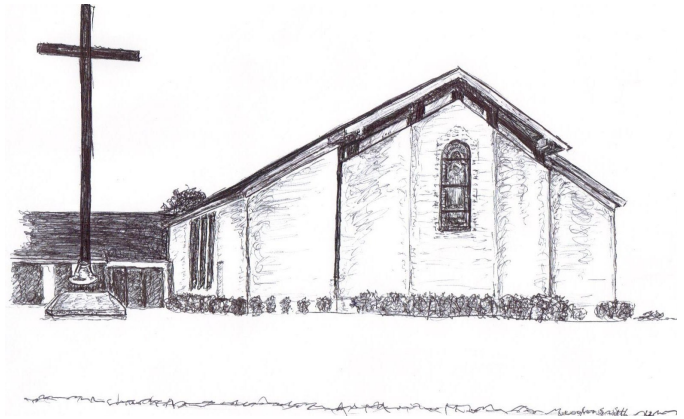
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Greg Carroll, *Interim Pastor*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.