



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021 11 AM

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Lee Koontz

Prelude

Prelude on "Aurelia"

John G. Barr

ADORATION

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139)

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer

Leader: We've come to worship God,

People: who loved us before we were born,

Leader: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

People: whose presence never leaves us,

Leader: and whose love for us never ceases.

People: This is our God,

Leader: and we are all God's children!

People: Let us worship God together!

* Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Time with Our Children

Children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sunshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.

The 11 am service is streamed live at www.fpcga.org and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

God of our lives, you search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. In this time of confession and of worship, help us to turn away from all that would keep us from you. Help us know your peace and your grace, that we may walk in faith once more....

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Celebration of Forgiveness *Glory to the Father* John Weaver
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Anthem *How Firm A Foundation* arr. Alice Parker
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon *On the Fringes* Rev. Koontz

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

RESPONSE

* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Shon Peppers

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; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

Prayers of the People, concluding with *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.

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

SENDING FORTH

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten

J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are able.

Assisting with worship today is Benji Stegner, Choir Director /organist; Chancel Choir.

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Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 770-718-8584.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This Week! July 19-23

Roper Park, 10:30-12:00, In Person and Online

Questions? Contact Ali (678-936-1053).

Register online at fpcga.org or in church office.

BOOKBAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES will be distributed this month through CASA and Park Hill Apartments. You may donate to help us purchase 100 bookbags at a discount by making a check payable to FPC designated "school supplies."

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING at the Peppers' home on Saturday, July 24 at 5pm for a time of good food, great fellowship, and fun. Bring a chair. Let Shon know if you can make it so that we can plan accordingly. speppers@fpcga.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS is meeting each week 10am, led by Dallas Thompson.



TERRIFIC TUESDAY

3 years old thru 5th graders

July 27 • \$10, lunch included
10:00 meet at Lodge, 2:00 pick up
RSVP athompson@fpcga.org

RALLY DAY KICK-OFF & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

August 8 • 10am • Swetenburg (Fellowship) Hall
Nursery will be available. There will be no Sunday classes.

ANNUAL GOLF TRIP TO TENNESSEE for all ages and golf abilities

Monday, August 23 through Thursday, August 26

Cost for 3 nights lodging, 4 days of golf is \$440.

Sign up at church office or email strother1126@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:45am Morning Light Worship, SH
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

MONDAY, JULY 19

10:00am Prayer Group, Prayer Room
10:30am VBS, Roper Park
12:00pm Gentle Yoga, Gym

TUESDAY, JULY 20

10:30am VBS, Roper Park
1:30pm Endow Grants Cmte, CR*
4:30pm Finance Cmte, CR*
5:30pm Ladies AA, Lakehouse
5:30pm Matthew 25, CR*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:30am VBS, Roper Park
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 22

10:30am VBS, Roper Park
7:00am *Be the Bridge* Study, Lakehouse
9:30am Yoga, Gym

FRIDAY, JULY 23

10:30am VBS, Roper Park

***Committee Meeting**

CR-Conference Room; SH-Swetenburg Hall