



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



All hymns today are ***IN YOUR BULLETIN!***



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Bruce Erwin,
in loving memory of his parents, Jack & Ella Erwin.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Spirit of Gentleness"

*Bruce Erwin, Violin
Joanne Erwin, Keyboard*

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

Psalms 139

L: Lord, you have searched us and known us.

P: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

L: You discern our thoughts from far away.

P: You are acquainted with all our ways.

L: Even before a word is on our tongues,

P: You know it completely.

L: You hem us in, behind and before.

**P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that
I cannot attain it.**

L: Let us give praise to our God!

***Gathering Song: "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Spirit who renews us, hear our confession. We hide from you when we should pay attention. We ignore you when we should listen. We turn our backs to you when we should walk with you. Have mercy upon us and grant us forgiveness in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Beloved People of God, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

P: **The old life has gone, a new life has begun.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The Confession of 1967

P: **We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

L: Jesus expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all sinful persons.

P: **But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.**

L: Many rejected him and demanded his death.

P: **In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all humans stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, as Messiah and Lord. Amen.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Special Music: "Day by Day"

*by Robin Lamont
Jenni Maienza, Vocalist*

First Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-7

(in your bulletin)

*Song: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Second Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:8-14

(in your bulletin)

Hymn of Preparation: “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

Sermon: “God’s Justice League: Community Gardens”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremkó

We Respond to God’s Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “All Things Bright & Beautiful” *by Cecil Francis Alexander*
Bruce Erwin (Violin); Fred Heuser (Guitar)

*Doxology: “Give Thanks”

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People / 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 Go to Live God’s Word

*Sending Song: “May the Good Lord Bless & Keep You” (2 verses)

Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



Deacons

Thanks to *ALL*
our Deacons
today!

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Cheryl Hauske
Marci Spiegle
Cheryl Walmsley



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Pat Masi
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Lois Noyes
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston,
Harlan Blackiston's wife
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Harriet, friend of the Spinass
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Patricia Sheffler, former CPC member
- Anne Winch, Dawson Winch's sister
- Bonnie Scribner, Wayne Scribner's wife
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Barb Maylath, former CPC member
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Anna Fogerty, granddaughter of the Wilk's
- Joe Russo, Tony Russo's father

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 7

9:30am - Deacons' Pancake Breakfast

10:30am - Worship in the Social Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 10

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

7:00pm - Session Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 11

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



SEPTEMBER

Collection:

RICE!

**(1-2lb bags
or boxes)**



2025-2026 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office if anything needs to be corrected or updated!



Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-7 (NRSV)

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: ⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Second Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:8-14 (NRSV)

⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

John 13:35

P. S.

PETER SCHOLTES

Unison Fm Gm7 Fm Cm7 Fm Gm7 Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come,

Fm Bbm Cm7 Bbm7 Gm7 Fm Gm7 Fm

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly — Son,

Fm Bbm Cm7 Bbm7 Gm7 Fm Gm7 Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride:
And all praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one:

Fm Db Ab Db Ab C Cm Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

Bbm Fm Ab Bbm Csus Cm Fm

love, Yes, they'll know — we are Chris - tians by our love.

I've Got Peace like a River 199

Isaiah 48:18

Spiritual

Arranged by Lyndell Leatherman

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 3. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a

Chords: D7, G, B7, CM7, C6

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.

Chords: C/G, G, D7, G, Em7, A9, D, A7/E

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 ____ I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
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Chords: C/G, G, D7, Em, A9, D7, G, C/G, G

Give Thanks

Words and Music by
HENRY SMITH

D A Bm

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart give thanks to the

F#m G D A A⁷ 1.,3.

Ho-ly One give thanks be-cause He's give-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give

2.,4. F#m Bm Em A

Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong" let the poor say "I am

D Bm Em A F#m

rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done — for us; and now — let the

Bm Em A D

weak say, "I am strong". Let the poor say "I am rich" be-cause of

Bm Em 1. A 2. A D G D

what the Lord has done for us. Give us. Give thanks, give thanks.

May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You

By Meredith Wilson

May the good Lord bless and keep you whether
near or far away;

May you find that long awaited golden day today;

May your troubles all be small ones and your
fortunes ten times ten;

May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet
again.

May you walk with sunlight shining and a bluebird
in every tree;

May there be a silver lining back on every cloud
you see;

Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows never mind
what might have been;

May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet
again.

Church Announcements

An illustration of three stacks of pancakes. The left stack is on a red fork, the middle on a silver fork, and the right on a silver fork. Syrup is being poured over the middle stack.

Deacons' Famous
Pancake Breakfast
TODAY in the Social Hall!
Pancakes @9:30am
Worship @10:30am

**MANY THANKS TO OUR HARD-WORKING
DEACONS FOR BREAKFAST TODAY!**

Sunday School Starts Next Sunday! (PreK—2nd Grade Teachers Needed)

We are SO excited about our first day of Sunday School for the new year next Sunday, **September 14, at 9:30am!** We hope you'll sign up to teach our children before your calendar fills! This year we will have three levels of classes: Pre-K-2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 7th grade. If there is a way for you to commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children (but a single week helps, too!). Our theme this fall is "Superheroes for God!"—all assistance, curriculum, & snacks are prepared for you!



Your leadership as a Sunday School volunteer is so important to our children & our church! Sign up by scanning the QR code here, or click the link in your weekly e-News.

*With appreciation, Judy Wilson
& the CE Committee*



RESTROOMS ARE OPEN!



Bathroom Renovations COMPLETE!

The *NEW* second floor restroom is finished and ready for use! (*The men's and women's first floor bathrooms were completed last week.*) Be sure to check your weekly e-News for updated pictures!



We're Hiring!

Interested in a bit of extra money? We are in need of someone to set up and breakdown the equipment for the *new musical ensemble* that will perform on the second Sunday of the month. Their practices will be on the Saturday before their Sunday performance, so the position will require setting up the equipment on Saturday morning before practice, or after worship on the Sunday before their next Saturday rehearsal. Set up time will be negotiable as long as it is ready to go for rehearsal. The salary is \$50 per event (which includes both set up and break down). The position also includes breaking down the tables and equipment for the bell choir, after worship, on the Sundays that they perform. If you think this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office or Al Andrews, Personnel Chair.



New Member Informational Meeting



Are you interested in learning more about membership at FPCHH? Pastor Eliza is holding an informational meeting about membership in the Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, September 28**, after worship in her study. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting the office or reaching out to her privately.

Time to Clear Out Your Jewelry Box!

Save the date for our **Spectacular ADVENT Workshop** (aka Advent Happening) on December 7! The Workshop committee is looking for costume jewelry (bonus points if it is Christmas related!) that they can use in the Secret Gift Shop, where the kids can pick out gifts for their parents or siblings. If you are cleaning out your costume jewelry, please consider donating items by placing them in the Christmas-decorated shoe box on the piano in the parlor (bags are provided to keep your items neat). Thank you!

