



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 9, 2026

11th 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.**



The Chancel flowers today are given by Joanne Erwin, in loving memory of her parents, Roderick & Dorothy Dodds; and by Don & Libby Hart, in honor of their 58th Anniversary.



All hymns today are in the **Purple Hymnal**, **Glory to God**, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

John 6

L: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life;"

P: Savior God, we come to you hungry.

L: Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;"

P: Savior God, feed us.

L: Jesus says, "I am the Vine, you are the branches;"

P: Savior God, we come to you thirsty.

L: Jesus says, "Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty;"

P: Savior God, quench our thirst.

L: Let us worship the God who provides for us.

*Gathering Hymn

Congregational Selection

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM

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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 of grace, forgive us for we have sinned. We have hoarded what we have. We have grasped for more. We have ignored those who hunger and thirst. We have stayed with our own kind. Forgive us. Purify us. Remake us, so that we might love as you love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again.

P: **In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and restored.**

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

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

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The Confession of 1967

P: **We believe that the Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men and women are reconciled to God and to one another.**

L: In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness.

P: **Forgiveness moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,**

L: And initiates the new life in Christ.

P: **The new life takes shape in community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.**

L: Therefore, we accept ourselves and love others,

P: **Knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

(*OT p.186*)

*Hymn: "In This Time of Great Reflection"

(*insert; vv.1-2*)

Gospel Lesson: John 10:10b-18

(*NT pp.103-104*)

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: “In Pursuit of Life”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Richard S. Willis

Polly Mitchell & Pam Myers (vocals)

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

*Closing Hymn: “Take My Life”

#697

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



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Tony Logandro
- Barry Longmire
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Patti Pawling
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, August 9

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
3:00pm - Village Playbox's
"Guys & Dolls" in the Social Hall

August 10 — 13

Mary Johnson on vacation – office
hours may vary during this time.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom
7:00pm - Session Meeting, Parlor



Deacons
Fred Heuser
Ro Hudson

Nursery
Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream
Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters
Will Burrough
Judy Wilson

9:30 AM **SUMMER Worship**
June 21 - September 6

Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (NRSV)

Exhortation to Choose Life

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Gospel Lesson: John 10:10b-18 (NRSV)

^{10b} I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



- 1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



- cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Church Announcements

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Sanctuary Ceiling & Wall Repairs

The repairs continue on the damage to the sanctuary from the leaking roof. We are proceeding to remove the ceiling & replace the entire area. This process is expected to last 2-3 weeks. This timeline may change as we expose more areas if more damage is identified. The Trustees will keep everyone informed of the progress moving forward.



Summer Vacation & Office Hours

Mary Johnson will be on vacation from **Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13.** Office hours may vary during this time.

Project: Birthday Kits

What kid doesn't love birthday cake with candles, special plates & napkins? What parent doesn't love to provide these things for their child? How does one weigh buying all these special items against nutritious food when they are food insecure? All good questions. The Mission Committee wants to provide **"Birthday Kits"** and we need your support. In July and August, we are asking the congregation to purchase a **cake mix** and a **can of icing** (or more). Our goal is to have 50 cake mixes and cans of icing by Sunday, August 23. Missions will purchase 50 each of cake pans, candles, plates & napkins to complete the kits. We'll also **match each and every birthday kit**, so that we will have 100 by the end of August. On August 30 (our Mission Service Sunday!), everyone is invited after worship to help us pack up the completed kits for a special birthday celebration for these families.



2026-2027 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office with any revisions. Thank you!



Village Playbox Summer Performance



Today is your last chance to see Village Playbox's performance of the hit musical, *Guys & Dolls*, by Frank Loesser, in our Social Hall. Come out and support VP in this fast-paced romantic comedy!

Final Date: August 9 @3:00pm

Looking to Serve? We're Looking for YOU!



Our Board of Deacons is looking for one more person to serve on their board. The term is 3 years with the option to renew for a 2nd term and includes serving as an usher periodically and assisting with pancake breakfasts, yard sale, & spring picnic. Please contact Al Andrews or Bill Burrough for more information.



For August:

Peanut Butter & Jelly



We Hold These Truths: A Sacred Conversation A Summer Sermon Series

"In Pursuit of 'We'": July 12 (Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-12,43-47)

"In Pursuit of 'These Truths'": July 19 (John 18:33-38; Acts 15:1-19)

"In Pursuit of 'Equality'": July 26 (Genesis 1:26-31; James 2:1-8)

"In Pursuit of 'Their Creator'": August 2 (Micah 6:18; Matthew 25:31-46)

"In Pursuit of 'Life'": August 9 (Deuteronomy 30:11-20; John 10:10a-18)

"In Pursuit of 'Liberty'": August 16 (Exodus 3:1-11; Luke 4:16-21)

"In Pursuit of 'Happiness'": August 30 (Psalm 1; Matthew 5:1-11)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.