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# **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

# July 20, 2025 Sixth 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.

TODAY'S HYMNAL

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

The Chancel flowers today are given by Lynn & Tom Spina, in loving memory of Lynn's mother, Margaret Heyne, born in 1916, on her birthday today.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

#### We Come Into God's Presence

R Call to Worship (L-Leader / P-People)

Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

P: Of whom shall I fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

P: Of whom shall I be afraid?

L: One thing I ask of the Lord, that I will seek after:

P: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

L: To behold the beauty of the Lord,

P: And to inquire in God's temple.

U L: Let us worship God.

\*Gathering Hymn: Congregational Selection (Red Hymnal Only)

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## 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.

\*Affirmation of Faith:

Romans 8

- P: We believe that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose.
- L: For who will separate us from the love of Christ?
- P: Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- L: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us.
- P: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children: Game: Candy Land

Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons

Elders: Installed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Ordained to a 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Marci Spiegle Cheryl Walmsley

Hal Wyckoff

<u>Deacons</u>: <u>Installed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</u> <u>Installed to a 1<sup>st</sup> Term</u>

Suzanne Lange Kate Colantonio Laura Masi Fred Heuser

Ro Hudson

Commissioning of Trustees: Commissioned to a 1st Term

Will Burrough
Chuck Maienza
Cathy Zobel

<sup>\*</sup>Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-14

(OT, p.731)

\*Hymn: "God of Our Life"

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Second Scripture Lesson: James 1:1-4

(NT, p.228)

#### 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:** "Faith's Sweet Adventures"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

# We Respond to God's Word

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Jonathan Kana

Douglas McVarish, Penny Whistle; Polly Mitchell, Vocals; Mike Rugge, Piano

\*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!

#### 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 Hymn: "Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

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#### **Benediction** (unison)

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

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Dedication



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna 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 Spinas
- Garrett Miller, relative of the Spinas
- 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

without cease 1 Thessalonians 5:17



**Deacons** 

Suzanne Lange

Nursery Kyle Jaremko Abby Burrough Maria Masi

LiveStream Korey Owens Erin Gallagher **Counters** 

Patti Pawling Suzanne Ritter

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES. Sunday, July 20 9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary & on FB)

Wednesdav. Julv 11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

2025-2026 Ghurch Director 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**

#### Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-14 (NRSV)

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> 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.

#### **Second Scripture Lesson: James 1:1-4 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the dispersion: Greetings. *Faith and Wisdom* 

<sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.

# God of Our Life

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This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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# 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

#### His Eye Is on the Sparrow



- 1 Why should I feel dis cour aged?
- 2 "Let not your heart be trou bled," his ten der word I hear,
- 3 When ev er I am tempt-ed,
- Why should the shad-ows come?
- when ev er clouds a rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home, and rest - ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears; when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he: the path he lead-eth though by but one step I mav see: draw the clos - er him; from care he sets free: to me



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



# **Church Announcements**



Installations, Ordinations, & Commissions Today

Please join us in welcoming our newest Elders, Deacons, and Trustees today during worship, who will be part of the Class of 2028 in our leadership boards. Thank you all for your service to our church and our Lord.

Elders: Marci Spiegle (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

Cheryl Walmsley, Hal Wyckoff (1st Term)

Deacons: Suzanne Lange, Laura Masi (2nd Term)

Kate Colantonio, Fred Heuser, Ro Hudson (1st Term)
Trustees: Will Burrough, Chuck Maienza, Cathy Zobel (1st Term)

Summertime School Supplies Collection

The Mission Committee is looking ahead to the start of the 2025-2026 school year and is collecting school supplies to donate to local schools for the use of students in need. The supplies will be delivered to Haddon Heights, Barrington, Lawnside, & Sharp (Collingswood) Elementary Schools. Items should be brought in by Sunday, August 3; please place them in Room 2, in the donation bin outside on Green St., or in the parlor Missions cabinet. Suggested items to donate are:

-#2 pencils -1" & 2" binders -pencil eraser tops

-pocket folders -24-pack crayons -composition books -highlighters -spiral notebooks -dry erase markers

-lined paper & dividers -sets of colored pencils -glue sticks

-"Post-It"-type notes -pink erasers -3x5 index cards

-ball point pens (red, blue & black)

# A New Look to Our Weekly e-News

For two weeks now, we've started using *MailChimp* for sending our weekly e-News. Most of you are familiar with



this format as many of your emails from businesses and organizations use this platform for sending messages. This change will make it easier to read the e-News and click on the links in the body of the email for additional information about events, etc. *If you DID NOT receive your e-News last Thursday*, please check your "*Junk*" or "*Spam*" folder. You can add the sender's email address to your contacts, or you can mark the e-mail as "*Not Junk*" - depending on the email client that you use. Contact the office if you have any questions or problems.

## **Congregational Hymn Selection**

As part of our tradition here at FPCHH, starting on July 13 and continuing through Labor Day, we are following our "Summer Music" routine, which allows our congregation to suggest a favorite



hymn for the first hymn of the worship service. Start stretching those shoulder muscles for a prominent hand raise, and please note: **only songs in the RED hymnal**, *The Worshiping Church*, can be suggested (to provide some consistency for our amazing organist).





# 2025 TX Hill Country Flooding



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. **Recovery work is ongoing**, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning.

#### God's people are called to bridge the GAP—Give. Act. Pray.

**GIVE:** Scan the QR code to give online, call 1-800-728-7228 ext.5885 or mail a check using the below reply device.

ACT:

- Assemble flood buckets, visit pcusa.org/gohkits for information
- Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares) and share updates with your congregation.



**PRAY:** God, who shaped the waters of chaos into Creation,

We come before you brokenhearted, overwhelmed by the power of raging waters inundating this place of beauty and respite, leaving terror and sorrow in its wake. We thank you for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.

We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones. Comfort and console them, O God, as we stand with them in your love.

Amen

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