



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 16, 2026

12th 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 Marci Spiegle,
in loving memory of Miriam & John Spiegle.*



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)

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 his temple.

L: Let us worship God.

*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)

Gracious and loving God, you made us for good, but we have not been good. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved others, and we have not loved ourselves. Take pity on us and forgive us. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, God is building a new heaven & a new earth.

P: **The former things will not be remembered or come to mind.**

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

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

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

*Affirmation of Faith:

Confession of Belhar

L: We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end.

P: **The Church is holy; the Church is universal; it is the fellowship of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to proclaim God's wonderful deeds.**

L: We believe that the reconciling work of Christ gives birth to a uniting Church, because Church unity is a gift from God and a goal we need to strive for.

P: **The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-11

(*OT p.50*)

*Hymn: "In This Time of Great Reflection"

(*insert; vv.2-3*)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-21

(*NT p.61*)

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 Liberty”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

*by Samuel Smith
Covenant Ringers*

*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: “Live into Hope”

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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 16

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

August 17 — 23

Pastor Eliza on Vacation; contact Marci Spiegle during non-office hours.



Deacons

Melanie Diven
Kelly Evans

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: Exodus 3:1-11 (NRSV)

Moses at the Burning Bush

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-21 (NRSV)

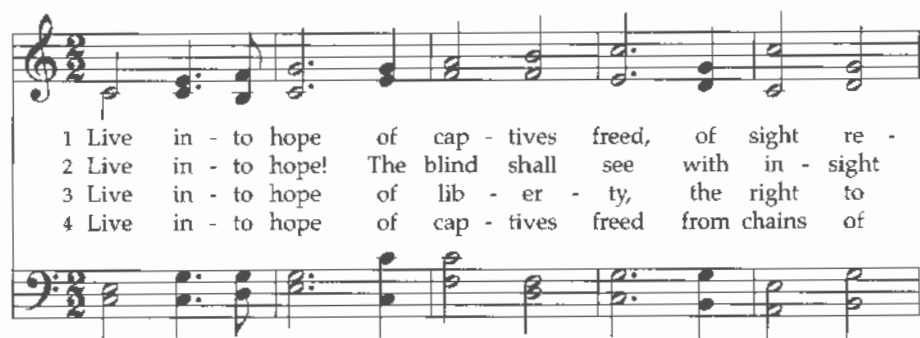
The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

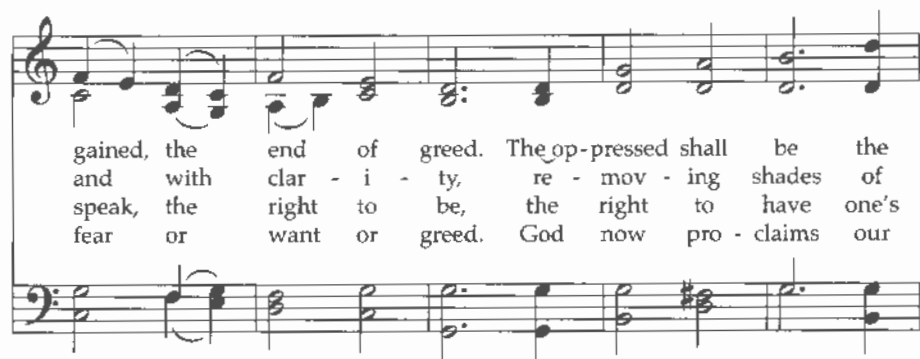
¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

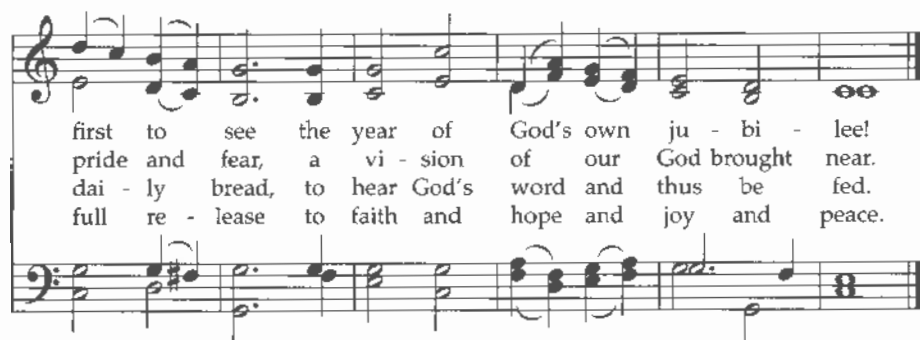
²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
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Pastor Eliza on Vacation

Pastor Eliza will be on vacation from **Monday, August 17 through Sunday, August 23**. Please contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, when the office is closed.

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.



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.



For August:

Peanut Butter & Jelly





Save the Date!

Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast & Worship in the Social Hall

Join us as we celebrate the end of summer and return to our 10:30 AM worship time!

**Sunday,
September 13
@ 9:30 AM**



Breakfast at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am in the Social Hall



- ▶ "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 solemn appeal is made to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of their intentions. 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, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, we have recourse to the most solemn considerations, and the most careful and deliberate reasoning, before we decide upon a reform.