

*First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! **Today, we welcome Alan Strong as our guest organist. Thank you, Alan, for lending your talents to our worship service.***

Prelude "Prelude in Fa Major (from 12 Pieces for Organ) Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
Through Christ, God reconciled all things to Godself.
In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.
We are Christ's body, eager to serve.

Hymn 482 "Baptized in Water"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

O God of the unimaginable, You come to us as the hungry visitor in need of shelter and the woman sitting at Your feet, craving to learn more. You make Yourself at home among us, learning our names and our stories, dwelling with us wherever we lay our head, and making miracles out of the mundane and saints out of the ordinary. Thank You for showing up in the holy spaces and the unexpected places. May we show up in this world like You. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

In the past, some of you were like that, but you were washed clean.
You were made holy, and you were made right with God.
Being a clean and forgiven people,
Let us give thanks!
In Jesus Christ we are washed clean and made new!
All our sins are forgiven, and we are welcomed with open arms.

Song of Praise "Sing a New Song" Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem "God Be in My Head" John Rutter

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Apostles' Creed

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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.

Time with the Children

Hymn 487

"These Treasured Children"

Prayers of the People

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.

First Lesson

Matthew 3: 16-17

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Second Lesson

Romans 6: 3-8

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him into a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever had died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

Sermon

"It's Always Been About Baptism"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Sacrament of Baptism – Ember Rose and Everest Michael Goodrich

On behalf of the session, we welcome Matthew and Gabrielle Goodrich, who bring their twins Ember Rose and Everest Michael to be baptized. Gabrielle and Matthew are longtime members of First Presbyterian Church, along with their children Logan (12), Brantley (10), and Malakai (8).

Hymn 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

Benediction

Postlude

"Toccata in G Major (from "12 Pieces for Organ")"

Dubois

Passing of the Peace

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!

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Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Gail Pittman
Kim McCormick	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Bobbie Stegall

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator
Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupmann (2025)
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)
Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Megan Diggs
8 Arianna Templeton
10 Riley Jane Smith
18 Daniel McCormick
18 Melanie Lutz
23 Robert Carlisle
28 Regan Taylor Smith



From July 4 to 5, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas. Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to North Texas. The sudden floods resulted in more than 100 lives lost, and search and rescue is ongoing. PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including emotional and spiritual care.

If you wish to give now to support PDA's response (U.S. Flooding - DR000191), please scan the QR code below or visit <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster>.