



# First Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2020  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 AM

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

*Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

*Psalm 138:1-5*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Brenda Boonstra,  
Jennifer Hartsock & Donna James

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Lord, we grow hardhearted, seeing each other as competing for scarce resources rather than one human family created and cared for by you, our God of infinite abundance. We conform easily to the ways of the world, striving endlessly for those things that do not satisfy, practicing greed and participating in systems that hurt people and creation. You call us to another way, the way of Christ Jesus our Lord, a way of compassion and justice, love and service. You offer us a life of joy and grace, mercy and redemption, readily available to us when we repent and seek you and your righteousness first. We turn to you now, forgive and free us, we pray. Amen.**

*(our prayer continues in silence)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

We can trust that when we call out to God, God hears and responds.

**When we humble ourselves and honestly confess, God forgives and makes of us new creations.**

Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Megan Gates

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Be Still and Know*

Brenda Boonstra,  
Jennifer Hartsock & Donna James

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andy Chambers

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The table of bread is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion of the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and cup to offer, which has come forth from the earth and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing, so that we may know your touch and presence in all things. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, living act of praise. Amen.

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*There is a Fountain*

Donna James

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **RESPONSE**

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me*



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week:

**Tim & Joy Mullen & Bridgett Sparks**

In the Oaks (Scenic):

**John Howard**

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, and **LCpl Kevin Matthews** who is stationed at the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

**Roberta Gunn; Chloe Crawford; Ann & Ron Bost** (Nancy Hendricks sister and her husband); **Judy Chosewood** (Chad Chosewood's mom); **Michelle Johnson; Robert & Renata Hawthorne** (Cathy Miller's cousin); **Darlene King** (Ed Hendricks's niece-in-law); **Sue Smith; Pat Austin; Joyce Barrett; Rush**

**Mauney; Melody & Lloyd Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter and son-in-law); **Bill & Betty Ford; "Turtle" Touralack; Greg Hopkins; Betty Gillette; Lyle Eberhart** (Tim Mullen's brother-in-law); **Jim Stone** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **Leighton Miller** (Charlie and Pam Miller's grandson); **Geoff Tipton; Laurie Oldroyd** (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford's sister); **Carolyn and Jeff Denton; David and Martha Lee Sherman; Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley; Robin Griffin; Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson and family** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **Bridgett Sparks; Tim Mullen's sister, Christy; Diane Hopkin's daughter-in-law, Jody; peace in our country and around the world.**



## August Birthdays

- 4 Cathy McLean  
Luke Phoummaseng
- 5 David Phongsavanh
- 7 McLean Allen  
Wrenn Christensen
- 9 Kevin Matthews
- 10 Jessica Irvin
- 12 Michael Kohr  
Madeline Koshuta
- 15 Maly Mounphoxay
- 21 John Howard  
Bill McLean  
Linda McQueen
- 23 Phyllis Marshall
- 24 Cathy Miller



Our Back to School Bash was a huge success. So much so that we decided to fill and distribute 48 more backpacks to children in our neighborhood. If you would like to contribute to help cover the costs please note on our check "backpack supplies". Thank you!!





**STUDYING THE  
BOOK OF JOB  
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

*Brown Bag &  
Bible*

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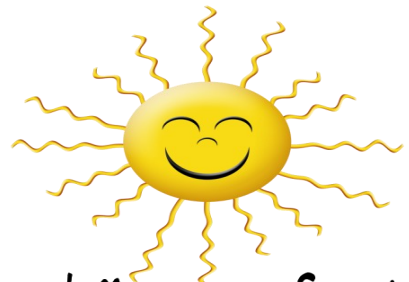
# WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

THURSDAYS - 10AM

Join Us On Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4388280904>

Meeting ID: 438 828 0904



*Good Morning Sunshine!*

Elementary Kids (K-5th) don't forget to meet Mrs. Megan at 9:30 Sunday Morning @ the picnic table for biscuits and a Bible lesson!

There will be no financial statements this week due to us upgrading our software. Please email Brenda at [treasurercorfpc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurercorfpc@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.