

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2026

Preservice Music

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, author of all creation which in every way is good, You created us in Your image to be loved and to show love. In so many ways we have tarnished that image through unloving words and deeds that have brought pain to You and to others. Worse yet we have attempted to justify our behavior by making flimsy excuses for the choices we have made while trying to pretend we really are 'good' people. Who are we kidding? Only ourselves. Yet You cannot and will not stop loving us despite all our unloving choices, and that is hard to believe. Is it because of our unwillingness to forgive those who have hurt us?

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*)

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world
without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be world without end.**

Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Songs of VBS

Prayer for Illumination

VBS Volunteer

Sermon: *The Message from the Rain Forest*

Day One: God is our Creator (**Wow, God!**) Psalm 103:22
*Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

Day Two: God Knows Everything (**Wow, God!**) Psalm 139:1
O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

Day Three: God is our Safe Place (**Wow, God!**) Psalm 142:5
*I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion
in the land of the living."*

Day Four: God is Love (**Wow, God!**) Psalm 136:1
*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love
endures forever.*

Day Five: God is Forever (**Wow, God!**) Psalm 115:18
*But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and
forevermore. Praise the Lord!*

*Affirmation of Faith: *Te Deum*

Insert

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns:

Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr,
Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda,
Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Lorna March, Mary Rushford;
the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.

The Offering

Offertory

*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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *All Creatures of our God and King* No. 63, vs. 1,4,5

*Charge and Benediction

*Response:

**O Praise Him; O Praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: **9:00a.m. High School Blood Drive**

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
1:00p.m. Parkinson's Meeting

7:30p.m. PMMF UPstarts! Program
(In our sanctuary)

Friday: 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon at Pine Grove

Saturday: 10:00a.m. Funeral Service for Gary Carr
Visitation 9:00a.m.

Vacation Bible School: *What a wonderful week!*

Approximately 160 children attended this past week's VBS program. A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this another successful VBS and to all who supported it through donations of food and money as well.

All Loose Cash given in today's offering will be added to the VBS mission to provide fruit trees for families in Guatemala or Honduras. A \$9 donation will purchase one fruit tree that will keep giving for years to come. These donations will bless families with nutritious food and offer a source of income, helping them break the cycle of poverty.

All women are invited to the women's luncheon this Friday, June 26, at Pine Grove at 11:30a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

Lifest 2026 – July 11th: We have a bus reserved. There is no cost for transportation, but concert tickets must be purchased online; \$32 for youth (*ages 8yrs.-15yrs.*) and \$56 for adults. Please sign up today if you would like to join us on the bus. If ticket price is an issue, contact Sonia at 309-258-7342.

We need Ushers and Readers for July and August. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers: VBS Kids

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;
You are God: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you.
We praise your name forever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope:
And we shall never hope in vain.