

# Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 19, 2022—10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.  
The \* invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude

*What a Friend*

Gordon Young

Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Call to Worship

When forces in the world threaten us,  
**when our bodies or spirits turn against us,**  
there is One who seeks us,  
**One who meets us,**  
One who heals us,  
**whose love washes over us**  
and sets us free for joy.  
**This One is the Lord.**  
**Come, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 634

*To God Be the Glory*

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Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

**Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of godforsakenness and into your holy ways. God our Savior, forgive us. Quench our thirst for you from the Rock of our salvation, and let your love well up in us unto eternal life. O Lord, have mercy on us... [Silent prayer, followed by:]**  
**Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace / Passing the Peace

Anthem

*To God Be The Glory*  
FPC Summer Choir

Malcolm Archer

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy, Holy, Holy One, your words feed us, the Word frees us, and the Spirit gives us life. Grant our ears an appetite for hearing and our spirits strength for loving you. Amen.**

## Listen to the Word:

### Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

### Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Reflection on the Word and Life:

“Our Problems are Legion”

\*Hymn 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

\*Affirmation of Faith (excerpt from the Confession of 1967)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humanity. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

The new life takes shape in a community in which all people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

**Offertory** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Gordon Young  
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**\*Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**Prayers of the Community & 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.

**\*Hymn 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response** *We Are One in the Spirit* BY OUR LOVE  
*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

**Postlude** *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young  
*Leading Worship*

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla  
Kristin Olson, liturgist

Ryan Dye, Minister of Music

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**Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church**

**Sundays, July 24 and August 21, at 10 a.m.— FPC Summer Choir.** If you enjoy singing and would like a “low-commitment” choral experience, you are invited to join other choristers in the Chancel at 10 a.m. as we learn a simple anthem prior to the Sunday service. Please call or text Ryan Dye at 208-830-7007 with any questions.

