

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

11:00am

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

PRELUDE #2                    "Holy, Holy, Holy"                    *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                    *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT                    "Come All Who Are Weary"  
*by Berit Goetz, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach & Leslie Jordan*

WORDS OF PRAISE                    Psalm 19:1-4                    *Stephany Morgan*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
**and night to night declares knowledge.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard;**  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
**and their words to the end of the world.**

\*OPENING HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

\*OPENING PRAYER

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the  
earth that you made and sustain.  
Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that  
roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing  
in joy.  
Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your  
abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as  
we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing.  
Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.  
**Alleluia!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #647 "Give Thanks"**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Genesis 3

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**                                      "Yield Not to Temptation"

**SERMON**                                      "Disorientation "                      *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood, an Earth creature, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise, and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**                      *Hymnal P. 35*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                                      "If We Only Have Love"

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**\*DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #384 "Soon and Very Soon"**

**\*BLESSING & SENDING**

May the One who creates us, go with and before us,  
**May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,**  
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way  
of peace.

**Alleluia. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE #319 "Men of Faith"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME GOODS COMMUNITY PANTRY – DONATIONS NEEDED Our Home Goods Community Pantry will be open on Wednesday, August 21. Financial and product donations are always welcomed. Due to high demand, donations are needed more than ever.

If you wish to donate items, there is a donation basket outside of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you!

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET today, Sunday, July 21, immediately after worship in the library.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET Wednesday, July 24 at 5:15pm in the library.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM! Please join us every Tuesday at 10:00am for Bible Study in the library. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome. We hope you can be there!

BOOK AND CALENDAR ORDERS ARE DUE Thursday, July 25. If any member of Session would like one, please contact the office at [stauntonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:stauntonfirst@gmail.com) or 540-886-0704 by that morning. Thank you!

PASTOR JEFF WILL ATTEND THE MONTREAT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE Saturday, July 27-Saturday, August 3. Rev. Janet Onnie will preach on Sunday, July 28.

*Prayer List*

Please send out prayers for: Family of Brad Furr; Julie Furr; Donna Alexander; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; David Klein (brother-in law of Scott & Sharon Wilson); Judy & Charles

*Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.*

*Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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The primary mission of First Presbyterian Church is to foster a dedicated and loving commitment to Jesus Christ on the part of all our members.

From this commitment, we work toward the following goals:

1. Increase our dedication and support to both the community and world missions as we engage the entire congregation in spreading the Gospel.
2. Develop our building assets as a resource for community ministries.
3. Continue and improve our strong educational and music programs.
4. Nurture our members in times of need and joy.