

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #41 "O Worship the King" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Amanda Avery*

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

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 19:161-168 *Rev. Janet Onnie*

Princes persecute me without cause,

But my heart stands in awe of your words.

I rejoice at your word

Like one who finds great spoil

I hate and abhor falsehood,

But I love your law.

Seven time a day I praise you

For your righteous ordinances.

Great peace have those who love your law;

Nothing can make them stumble.

I hope for your salvation, O Lord,

And I fulfill your commandments.

My soul keeps your decrees;

I love them exceedingly.

I keep your precepts and decrees,

For all my ways are before you.

*OPENING HYMN #2 "Come Thou Almighty King"

*OPENING PRAYER *Rev. Janet Onnie*

God of Grace, Forgive our nonchalance in the face of your call. Forgive the indifference we show in regards to the suffering and life needs of others.

Forgive our apathy to join wholeheartedly in your work for justice and the common good. Forgive our hesitancy in giving more of ourselves in loving service to people who need it from us. Forgive our fear of really following you which we mask with false confidence in doctrine and surface spirituality. God of all beings, Awaken real faith in us again.

Startle us anew with the power of your love. Engage us once again your work of love and grace. Call us back to the transformative power of loving service and faithful witness to you, that we might know that you are in our lives, and the lives of all people, to do whatever is needed for the good of all whatever the cost. Merciful God, Receive the confessions of our hearts in this time of silence.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *Rev. Janet Onnie*
Rejoice and be glad! God, in Christ Jesus, holds us in love and will lead us into a new journey together and a future filled with hope. We are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***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 #648** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15 *Amanda Avery*
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "You'll Never Walk Alone"
By Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rodgers, © 1945 T.B. Harms Co.

GOSPEL READING John 6:1-21 *Rev. Janet Onnie*

SERMON "At the Corner of Church and State" *Rev. Janet Onnie*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #343** "Where Cross the Crowded
Ways of Life"

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Janet Onnie*

OFFERTORY "I Heard a Forest Praying" *Instrumental*
by Sam M. Lewis & Peter DeRose, © 1937 by Chappell & Co.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING *Rev. Janet Onnie*

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

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

***CLOSING HYMN #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Rev. Janet Onnie

As you go from this place of comfort and peace, know there is a power at work in the universe.

It is a creative, sustaining, and transforming power and we can trust that power with our lives.

It will sustain us whenever we take a stand on the side of love; whenever we take a stand for peace and justice; whenever we take a risk. Trust in that power.

We are, together, held by that power. We will trust in that power.

AMEN.

***POSTLUDE #319** "May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You"
by Meredith Wilson, © 1950 by MCA Music

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME REV. JANET ONNIE to worship today!

WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, August 4, immediately after worship for the purpose of electing Cindy Cooke as a member of the Nominating Committee.

THE MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET Monday, August 1, at 2:00pm in the parlor.

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!

PASTOR JEFF WILL ATTEND THE MONTREAT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE through Saturday, August 3.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Staunton Music Festival will perform in our sanctuary Friday, August 17, and August 19-24 from 12:00-1:00pm. All concerts are free and open to the public. SMF will also perform during worship on Sunday, August 18. All are welcome! We hope you can join us.

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.

Elders

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Sam Clem, Discipleship, Congregational Life
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Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

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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.