

**July 7, 2024**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30am — Sanctuary**



“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag”



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

WEST WAYNE STREET

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

**Thank you for joining us today!** We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (*she/her*), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (*she/her*)

Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (*he/him*), and Rev. Ann Pitman (*she/her*)

**Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

*Congregation responds in bold*

### GATHERING

**Prelude** Patriotic Medley

**Tolling of the Hour**

**Call to Worship**

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and hear!**

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching to all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**We will listen and hear!**

Christ sent out disciples two by two  
to spread the good news in any place  
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and hear!**

God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and hear!**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy One of Nazareth,

We see you calm storms, heal illness, and even restore life,

**Yet we still struggle to trust you.**

You send us out,

**But we want to stay home.**

You provide partners for the journey,

**But we want to go it alone.**

You give us authority over evil,

**But we don't know how to use it.**

You say we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,

**But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools and toys.**

**We make sure our phones are charged and our GPS is on.**

You tell us to accept hospitality,

**But we don't like to put people out.**

You say that if people are unkind,

we should simply shake the dust off of our feet,

**But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.**

We have much to learn from you, Jesus,

about traveling gracefully through this life.

**Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear these words from Christ:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

So go forth in the power of the almighty, who forgives you and loves you. Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.*

**\*Responsive Hymn No. 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1. Glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has  
2. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end. A - men. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has set me free. As it  
end. A - men. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end. A - men.

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## HEARING THE WORD

### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 6:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Solo** from Elijah: “If with all your hearts”

Felix Mendelssohn

*Recitative:* Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments for your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for he is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth him of the evil.

*Aria:* “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence! “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith Our God. Ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God.

### **Sermon** “Be Thou My Vision”

Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promise of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church’s mission.**

**His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.**

His service to men and women  
commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn No. 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Roberts/George

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation to Communion

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

## Words of Institution

## Sharing of the Elements

*First Presbyterian Church believes the table is not ours, but God's. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of church affiliation, are encouraged to come and be fed.*

**Communion Music** Improvisation on *Thaxted*

## Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

\*Benediction

\*Postlude The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

***Hearing Loop: To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T," T-Coil or telephone position.***

**Large Print Hymns are available from the Ushers**

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## Assisting with Worship this Morning

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**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

**Elders of the Month/Greeters:** Denise Davis, Mike Shim

**Ushers:** Dave Beer, Judy Mettler, Tom Mettler

**Director of Music Ministries & Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Communion Preparers:** Anita Wolfe, Anne Barnett

**Communion Servers:** Jake Huffman, Tony Borton, Maggie Kinder, Bill Fish

**Soloist:** Quinton Davis, Tenor

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or after worship. You'll find copies on the table in the Narthex.

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## Sorry, Kids!

There is no Sunday School during the summer, but our nursery is open year-round! Anyone between 6 months and 5 years old is welcome! ASK an usher for a tour and more information.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:30am English Worship, CH  
 10:30pm English Fellowship, MH  
 11:00pm KLM Worship, CH  
 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

### Monday, July 8, 2024

3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

### Tuesday, July 9, 2024

5:30pm Missions Committee, ZM

### Sunday, July 13, 2024

10:00am Summer Choir, MR  
 11:00am English Worship, SC  
 11:00am KLM Worship, CH  
 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH  
 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

### Campus Room Abbreviations

CH	Chapel	MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SDR	Small Dining Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	SR	Session Room
FO	Finance Office	NR	Nursery	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Main Kitchen	PR	Parlor	ZM	Zoom