

# First Presbyterian Church

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## *Celebrating 175 Years*



July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

John Stanley

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

## CHORAL INTROIT

Twila Paris

“We Will Glorify”

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 10:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
People: *Worship the Lord with gladness, come into His presence with singing.*  
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His.  
People: *We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*  
Unison: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and Bless His name.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.*

*Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit that we might live as Your people in this age and culture. In the name of Christ. Amen.*

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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

## A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 6:1-7, Page 854

### ANTHEM

David Evans

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31, page 79

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

### MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Tom Currie

“Humility and Compassion”

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Johann Georg Nägeli

“Meditation on Blest Be the Tie”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Robert Hughes

“Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

Patricia Lou Harris

“A Joyful Celebration”

*\*Please stand if able.*

## **Opportunities for the Week of July 20<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Today:      9:15 a.m.    Adult Sunday School  
              9:15 a.m.    Choir Practice  
              10:00 a.m.    Worship Service / Communion

Wednesday:      **Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**  
                      6:30 p.m.    175 Year Anniversary Committee Meeting, *conference room*

Sunday:      9:15 a.m.    Adult Sunday School  
              10:00 a.m.    Worship Service

## **Announcements**

Christmas in July! Our intent is to raise enough money to replace the outdoor wreaths and some of the decorations inside. We are estimating that the wreaths will cost around \$25 each. We will need 13 wreaths for the outside. Mark your envelopes as Christmas in July or in the memo section of your check. As always, thank you for supporting this effort and for everything you do for First Presbyterian Church.

Phillip Warmbrod's new address is: Phillip George Warmbrod #0762662, Pender Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 247, Phoenix, MD 21131.

We have numerous "ministry baskets" in the Family Life Center. For July, we are collecting crayons, pencils, notebooks, Clorox wipes, etc. for Carthage Elementary School.

Order your anniversary tee shirts and commemorative mugs. The display and order forms are located in the lower narthex. The tee shirt design was wonderfully created by Owen Thomason. The order forms and money should be given to Gail Hardin or placed in the offering plate. Please contact Keith and Gail with any questions.

Contact Ann Key if you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who provide flowers throughout the year!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Ann Key.