

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offertory Music *The Warrior is A Child* Ashleigh Mondello-Garrett

*The Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Pastor: The Holy Living God be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Blest are they who come in your name!

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Elements are Passed

(Raise your hand if you would like usher to bring them to you).

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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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.

*Sending Hymn #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

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This Week at FPC

June 14 – 3:00pm - Community Band Concert. Eaton PAC

June 17 – 11:00am and 6:30pm, Quest discussion Groups

June 20 – 4:00-9:00pm - Juneteenth outing

Mark Your Calendars

June 21 – Youth Mission Trip, Copperhill, TN

June 21 – Father's Day

June 28 – 12:00-2:00pm Big Backyard BBQ

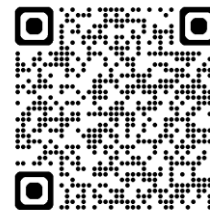
July 13-15 – 6:00-8:00pm, Compassion Camp, all ages welcome

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following:

Spaghetti Sauce, Hygiene Items (deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, bar soap, etc...)

Blessing Box – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, fruit cups and hygiene items.

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War
Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
Ron Mickelson – continuing prayers
Diane Kasten – recovery at home
Russell DeLuca – severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest
Alice Lindley

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army	Zack Pool/ Air Force
Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines	Jeremy Barnes/ Navy
Tanner Crabtree/ Army	Brett Barnes / Navy
Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy	Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve
Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy	Cliff Garey / Navy
Grant Davis / Army Reserve	Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force
Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy	Drew Roach / Navy
Grace Wagner/Basic Training	Ryan Hall / Army
Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now	Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard
Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard	

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 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.

Special Music *Abba Father* Keith Jones

Children's Message *Mustard Seed* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Blake Clabaugh

Old Testament Psalm Reading *Psalm 146*

New Testament Scripture Reading *John 4:7-40*

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Encounter* Rev. Melick

Reflection Time Questions to Ponder

Recall a time when you were in unfamiliar surroundings. Were you excited to meet someone new? Or did you have uncomfortable or fearful feelings about an encounter?

Have you had an encounter with other religious practices? Do you know people who practice other faith traditions? What does your answer mean for your view of the world?

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Melick

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church
Quest: The Awakened Traveler, Leaving Home
June 14, 2026

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Melick

Prelude *Fathers Eyes* Ashleigh Mondello-Garrett

Call to Worship Blake Clabaugh

Opening Prayer Blake Clabaugh

***Opening Hymn #726** *The Summons*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace Blake Clabaugh
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone. Forgive us when we forget your hospitality, and the call to extend it to others. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Know this: The cup of grace is extended to us already and always.

At our moments of isolation,
Jesus offers invitation and relationship.
He is our constant companion,
inviting us to meet and companion one another,
traveling together toward the Kingdom of Love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Week Two: The Encounter

Jesus often crossed paths with others not from his “tribe.” He did not shy away. Actually, he most often sought out these opportunities. He met people in their daily lives and locales, such as the Samaritan woman at the well and her community, and engaged with them at the point of their deepest yearning. When we seek out and open to new encounters, new people, new relationships, we allow ourselves a spiritual rendezvous with humanity. And in this act, we discover more spiritual depth within us than we previously imagined. How can we shift our perception, redefining “strangers” as “friends we have not yet met?”

Rick Steves’ idea that “strangers” are simply “friends we have not yet met” is wonderful! Check out this inspirational clip from the Rick Steves website: [“Why We Travel: Like Pilgrims, to Learn and Grow.”](#) This perspective affirms that leaving home is a way to learn more about others and about ourselves. We accept the love of others, and we open to the different ways that this love is shown. As Rick says in this clip, “Why do I see humanity as one? Because I’ve traveled.” Indeed. Only when we get “close up” do the stereotypes or assumptions about those we consider so “different” fade away. “Why do I care? Why do I want to contribute? Because I’ve traveled.”

Do you have an experience of getting “up close and personal” with those not like you?



Scan this QR code to go to the video.



In this next clip, Rick talks about the importance of breaking bread with others. When peace is at stake, he says, the ability to sit down and share at the table is crucial. Jesus knew this. Breaking bread and sharing the cup at table was the vehicle Christ used to demonstrate this most sacred bond and to show we must continue to seek peace and love one another. “Whenever you do this, remember me.”

What will be your next “breaking bread” adventure in which you can learn more about others? You might think about hosting a dinner where people with various cultural backgrounds bring “pot luck” favorites! Or if you are traveling (even to the next town down the road!), perhaps sitting at the bar to eat instead of isolating at a table might bring an opportunity to connect with someone else on a whim! What would you ask them?

Learning about what is important to others, especially their outlook on the world, on life, and on spirituality, is so important for increasing understanding empathy. [Hear this story](#) from Rick about encountering a whirling dervish!

What religions are you curious about? If this creates anxiety in you, why? What are assumptions that you might hold about other’s beliefs and how could you break that barrier to relationship by visiting or talking to someone of another faith tradition? A lot of information can be found by surfing for interviews with people around the world. What’s your next travel adventure (even if it is traveling the internet!)?



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June 14, 2026

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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