

**\*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.***

**Our Tithes and Offerings** Rev. Melick  
**Offertory Music** *Majesty* Dr. Erika Brandenstein, Jacob and Grace  
**\*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

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Melick  
***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 #375** *Shall We Gather at the River*

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Melick  
**\*Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601  
**Benediction** *Because He Lives* Dr. Erika Brandenstein, Jacob and Grace



The flowers this morning are from Marie Hayes in honor of her parents June birthdays.

The flowers this morning are from George & Debbie Henry in memory of their son Matt and in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

## **This Week at FPC**

June 21 – Youth Mission Trip, Copperhill, TN  
June 21 – Father's Day  
June 23 – 7:00pm, AA Meeting  
June 22-24 – Ann Murray on vacation

## **Mark Your Calendars**

June 28 – 12:00-2:00pm Big Backyard BBQ  
June 30 – 7:00pm, AA Meeting  
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.

## **Kroger Rewards Program** –

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:  
Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account you can search for First Presbyterian Church of Eaton Ohio either by name or IS924 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

## **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!

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**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

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

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For our Nation and those who serve

**Updated Military Service Prayer List**

Our worship service on July 5th will be a prayer service for our country as we commemorate 250 years of freedom as the United State of America. During that service, Pastor Annie would like to pray for each of our military personnel by name. SO - we are updating our current list. All names have been removed from the current list so we can start fresh.

Please email the church office ([office@eatonfpc.org](mailto:office@eatonfpc.org)) with the following information for your family members who serve:

Name

Branch

Relationship to Church Member

Please return this by June 30 so we can have it ready for the July 5th worship service.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: [annmurray916@yahoo.com](mailto:annmurray916@yahoo.com), call the church office, 937-456-3754, [office@eatonfpc.org](mailto: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** *Blessed Assurance/It Is Well with My Soul*

Dr. Erika Brandenstein, Jacob and Grace

**Children’s Message** *Jesus and the Storm* Rev. Melick

**Prayer of Dedication**  
*For Carson Cooper as he leaves for Basic Training tomorrow.*

**Prayer for Illumination** Marie Hayes

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 65:17-25*

**New Testament Scripture Reading** *Revelation 21:22-26*

**Response:**  
**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *The Reflection* Rev. Melick

**Reflection Time Questions to Ponder**

*Can you recall an experience that “decentered” you? Reminded you that not everyone lives with the same values, expectations, opportunities?*

*How did that make you feel?*

*Does the diversity of the world’s people and their ways of life and ways of spirituality give you a grateful feeling of abundance or a fearful feeling of chaos? What happens to that when you remember the Creator who set it all in motion?*

**\*Reflection Hymn #372** verses 1,3,4,5 *O for a World*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Quest: The Awakened Traveler, The Reflection**  
**June 21, 2026**

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Melick

**Prelude** *We Shall Behold Him* Dr. Erika Brandenstein, Jacob and Grace

**Call to Worship** Marie Hayes

**Opening Prayer** Marie Hayes

**\*Opening Hymn #738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

**Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace** Marie Hayes  
**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 create boundaries of “us” and “them” and assume scarcity where you offer abundance. 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:

There is a spring of life that flows throughout creation and is available to all—to us—when we need it most. In the midst of our fear, Jesus calls us to be a new creation. He is our constant companion, inviting us to reach out to 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 Three: The Reflection**

When we begin to broaden our experience of lands and peoples in our travel, or in our own towns and cities, we may move through a personal crisis if the plurality of religious thought and practice has not come into close view in our lives before. And yet, if we continue to reflect and open, what feels so different may not be as far from us as we first imagined. The light we seek and life-sustaining river that runs through the “Kin-dom” of God is full of common themes across religions: peaceful coexistence, food and shelter, love and compassion for those suffering and oppressed. How can deeper reflection about our own hesitation to connect to the wider human family free us to explore more possibilities for a better world?

Rick Steves has been a devoted advocate of [social activism](#) and [philanthropy](#) in this world he loves so much. And he believes travel can help us become passionate citizens who recognize our agency for making this world a better place. Check out this video with thoughts on how a privileged American might see their relation to the extremely poor world. What can we do and why? Watch [“Global Poverty and American Citizenship.”](#)



[This clip](#) from Rick’s webinar with Tammy is about how our perspectives can be challenged and we can feel unsettled. One of Rick’s mottos is to be “militantly optimistic.” We see this as he encourages us to push past the discomfort to the transformation that awaits as we become aware that there is “more to life than increasing its speed.”



**What part does “ethnocentricity” play in your life? Did you grow up thinking that everyone should be like you/your culture? Or did you grow up being made to feel like an “outsider?” What do you think about how this affects our world, our relationships?**



[The second clip](#) is Rick’s answer to the question, “what does it mean to encounter people who are suffering, who are oppressed, when you travel?” His answer draws on his own sense of responsibility he feels as a Christian, to remember that our actions affect everyone. Seeing the lives of people who live with scarce resources but with an abundant mindset is humbling.

**To make choices based on being more aware of how those choices affect those less fortunate than we are is not an easy thing to do, and yet it is a basic tenet of our faith. Hearing Rick’s passion about this, what do you feel called to do?**

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## First Presbyterian Church



*June 21, 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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