

***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 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
Matt Shoemaker & Mary Lunsford
***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 #339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Melick
***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601
Postlude *Patriotic Medley*



The flowers this morning are from Bill & Nancy Clayton. They are in honor of the 250th birthday of our Nation.

This Week at FPC

July 7 – 7:00pm, AA meeting

Mark Your Calendars

July 12 – following service, Luncheon for Beth Pool

July 12 – 1:30 – 2:30, 4-H meeting

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

July 19 – Something Good will present the service in music

July 26 – 12-1:00, Sandwich ministry

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 log into your account, find payments & resources and click, you will see community rewards, search IS924 and chose First Presbyterian Church and Enroll. If you have any questions, please contact Ann in the office.

Back to School Supply Drive – The Common Good is collecting for school supplies. We are asked to supply the following: 30 fiskar pointed scissors, 50 pocket folders, 55 college ruled loose leaf paper, back packs. Please drop off at the church by Sunday, July 26. Thank you!

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
Diane Kasten - recovery at home
Russell DeLuca - severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother
Deb Tinstman - lymphoma, Dave Tinstman's sister, Molly Hurd's aunt

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline - Vancrest
Alice Lindley
Dale Robertson - Greenbrier

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve
Church Members & Friends In The Service

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard - Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army - Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard - Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy - Bonnie Smith's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

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.

***Hymn #331 God of The Ages**

Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 47 Blake Clabaugh

Prayers for our Protection Rev. Melick

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard - Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army - Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard - Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
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***Hymn #337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 46 Blake Clabaugh

Prayers for our Cities and our Countryside Rev. Melick

***Hymn #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

Special Music Irlandaise Matt Shoemaker & Mary Lunsford

Children's Message The Good Samaritan Rev. Melick

Old Testament Reading 2 Chronicles 7:14 Blake Clabaugh

New Testament Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37

Response:

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

Sermon Prayers and Actions Rev. Melick

Prayers for the World Rev. Melick

First Presbyterian Church
A Prayer Service for our Nation's 250th Anniversary
July 5, 2026

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Melick

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* Matt Shoemaker & Mary Lunsford

Call to Worship Blake Clabaugh

Liturgist: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

All: and with all your soul

Liturgist: and with all your strength

All: and with all your mind

Liturgist: and your neighbor as yourself.

All: Let us worship God and learn to love our neighbors.

Opening Prayer Blake Clabaugh

***Opening Hymn #336** *We Gather Together*

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

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have much to confess personally, as a church and as a nation. Even as we celebrate the 250 year milestone of our nation, we acknowledge that not everything we've done is pleasing to you. Forgive us for the times we have not acted in good will, for the times we caused conflict instead of bringing peace, for the times we have not loved our neighbors, and for the times when we have not used our power for good in the world. We trust that you will help us to do better, to be more like Christ and to represent you to a lost world. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presbyterian History – Where Were We 250 Years Ago?

“Presbyterians were among the earliest Reformed immigrants to America. They settled up and down the East Coast, and began to push westward into the American wilderness, founding congregations as early as the 1630s. In 1706, seven Presbyterian ministers formed the first Presbyterian presbytery in the New World. The clergy assumed the freedom to organize and the right to worship, preach, teach, and administer the sacraments. Growing population and immigration prompted the presbytery to organize a synod in 1717, with four constituent presbyteries.

The church began to develop its own indigenous leadership and educational, mission, and charitable institutions, as well as to experience its first internal conflicts. Presbyterians were only one of the reformed denominations that dominated American colonial life at the time of the Revolutionary War. Presbyterians participated in the writing of state and national constitutions. Reformed views of God’s sovereignty and of human sinfulness moved the new nation toward checks and balances and separation of powers.”¹ The United States’ form of government is based on the presbyterian form of representative government.

“John Witherspoon (February 5, 1723 – November 15, 1794) was a Scottish-American Presbyterian minister, educator, farmer, and a Founding Father of the United States.^[1] Witherspoon embraced the concepts of Scottish common sense realism, and while president of the College of New Jersey (1768–1794; now Princeton University) became an influential figure in the development of the United States’ national character. Politically active, Witherspoon was a delegate from New Jersey to the Second Continental Congress and a signatory to the July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence. He was the only active clergyman and the only college president to sign the Declaration. Later, he signed the Articles of Confederation and supported ratification of the Constitution of the United States.”²

¹ PCUSA.org, Presbyterian History.

² Wikipedia, John Witherspoon.

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July 5, 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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