

**July 28, 2024; 9:00 am**  
**Summer Series: "Seeds of Faith – Created for Growth"**

## **We Gather Together**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

*Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.*

**Prelude:** "Open the Eyes of My Heart w/Amazing Grace"

*Arr. by Phillip Keveren and Carol Tornquist*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**The Parable of the Sower (Based on Mark 4:1-20)**

*(page 38 in the pew Bible, page 1219 Common English Bible)*

**Parable in Song:** GTG 171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

*Duet, Linda D. and Jonathan P.*

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 85)**

*Lew S.*

Come! Gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

**We seek Christ who frees us from uncertainty and doubt.**

Come! Gather together seeking true justice and peace.

**We seek Christ who is trustworthy, who supplies our needs.**

Come! Worship God, who was, and is, and shall be forever.

**We raise our voices in praise and honor to God.**

### **\* Opening Prayer**

God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that you are always present and always ready to receive us. As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.

### **\* Hymn: GTG 826 "Lift High the Cross"**

*Linda D. and Jonathan P., Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession**

*Lew S.*

They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our brokenness. Yet every page, every story tells us of the one who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within us. Please join me, as we pray,

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Lew S.*

**In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.**

#### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**Forgive us, Lord. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. Then, and only then, can we set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

On the seventh day of creation, God rested, creating a Sabbath, a time set apart for rest, to learn, to listen, to be quiet and at peace.

**Let Sabbath take root in our hearts and in our lives.**

Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another.

**Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.**

When we are in Christ Jesus, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past! In Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. Amen.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 92 (Common English Bible)**

(page 548 in the pew Bible, page 738 Common English Bible)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, Most High;  
**to proclaim your loyal love in the morning,**  
**your faithfulness at nighttime**  
**with the ten-stringed harp,**  
with the melody of the lyre  
because you've made me happy, Lord, by your acts.  
I sing with joy because of your handiwork.  
**How awesome are your works, Lord!**  
**Your thoughts are so deep!**  
Ignorant people don't know—  
fools don't understand this:

though the wicked spring up like grass  
and all evildoers seem to blossom,  
they do so only to be destroyed forever.

**But you, Lord, are exalted forever!**

Look at your enemies, Lord!

Look at how your enemies die,  
how all evildoers are scattered abroad!

**But you've made me as strong as a wild ox.**

**I'm soaked in precious ointment.**

**My eyes have seen my enemies' defeat;**

**my ears have heard the downfall of my evil foes.**

The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.

They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who have been replanted in the Lord's house  
will spring up in the courtyards of our God.**

They will bear fruit even when old and gray;

they will remain lush and fresh in order to proclaim:

**"The Lord is righteous. He's my rock.**

**There's nothing unrighteous in him."**

### **Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 (Common English Bible)**

(page 200 in the pew Bible, page 1435 Common English Bible)

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He

canceled it by nailing it to the cross. When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

## **Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

## **Sung Response: GTG 175 "Seek Ye First"**

## **Sermon: "Rooted in Christ"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

### **Moment for Mission:**

*Appreciation blessing and presentation to Cantors and AV people*

## **Ordination/Installation of New Officers (Elders and Deacons)**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

#### **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music: “Seek Ye First”**

*arr. by Douglas E. Wagner*

**\*Offertory: GTG 607 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn: GTG 453 “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: “Crucifer”**

*arr. by Paul Manz*

## Keep in Prayer

Arnold L.	Gib D.	Lorelei C.
Ashley K.*	Jesse F.	Marie L.
Bob & Ollive B.	Liam A.	Mary J.
Brian C.	Joyce J.	Mike S.*
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Judy D.	Pat D.
<b>Corinne C.</b>	Karen & David H.*	Sally S.
Danielle B.	Lynn K.*	Sue C.*
Dick and Maryann*	Lynn M.	

## Mike Warntjes and family in the death of his mother, Eleanor.

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

### WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JULY 21, 2024

Individuals in Person: 94

Zoom Households: 5

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
07/14/2024	\$1624.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 25.00	Pave the Way
7/15--19/24	\$2756.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<u>\$4415.00</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

## Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org) (Click on 'Giving'). You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:30-12:30pm  
6:30-7:45pm

**July 28**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections – Power of Connecting  
Learning Team Meeting  
The Chosen Season 4 Ep 4

**Monday**

10:00-11:30am  
2:00-6:00pm  
7:00-8:30pm

**July 29**

Staff Meeting  
Blood Drive  
Worship Team Meeting

**Tuesday**

10:30-12:00pm

**July 30**

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 4

**Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am

**July 31**

Men’s Breakfast (Pump N Pantry)

**Thursday**

12:00-1:00pm  
1:00-2:00pm

**August 1**

Organ Recital at the First Presbyterian Church  
Serve Team Meeting

**Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
6:30-7:45pm

**August 4**

Worship with Communion  
Fellowship/Growing Connections – Cuba Mission Trip Experience  
The Chosen Season 4 Ep 5