



First Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:15

Worship Service - 10:30

Gathered as God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Prelude

What God Ordains Is Always Good

J. Walther

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

One: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**Many: We will be glad and exalt in you; we will sing praise to your name,
O Most High.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me.

Many: Let us exalt God's name together!

*Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

*Prayer of Adoration

Steve Lewis

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 44:1-5

OT p. 673

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought.

We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. So we pray, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us how to love others the way You love us, that You will put courage in our hearts to do your will.

This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria 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, amen.***

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you.

Children's Conversation

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Anthem

The Earth Adorned (Psalm of Summer)

Waldemar Åhlén, ed. K. Jennings

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging, while soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging. The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender, proclaiming summer's splendor.

From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now raises, to join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises. With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation in praise of God's creation. O God, amid these joys of life, Creation's glory beaming, grant us the grace to keep your word and live in love redeeming. All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever; God's word remains forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

John 4:7-26

NT p. 95

Sermon

Summer Settings: Mountains III

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Lord Christ, We See Your Glory

Erik Routley

*Doxology 607

OLD 100TH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People 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.**

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

(please remain standing as we sing together)

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.***

Postlude

Variation on AUSTRIA

J. William Greene

*Please stand as able

Music Notes:

What God Ordains Is Always Good by J. Walther © 1951 C.F. Peters

The Earth Adorned (Psalm of Summer) by Waldemar Åhlén, ed. K. Jennings, transl. Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings. ©1934 and 1974 Nordiska Musikforlaget, Stockholm

Lord Christ, We See Your Glory by Erik Routley ©1974 Royal School of Church Music

Wonderful Wednesday Beginning September 4

- 5:30-6:00 Dinner for all — Menu: Chicken parmesan, Greek salad, garlic bread, need volunteers to bring fresh fruit. Children’s menu: Chicken nuggets. Call the church office by 12 on Tuesday to make a reservation for dinner
- 6:00– 7:00 Adult Bible Study
(K-5) FPC Chorister Rehearsal (6:00—6:30pm) Bible study (6:30—7:00)
Youth Group (grades 6-12)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday School Classes (beginning September 8)

Children	Preschool 3-5 Years Old	Room 107
	K-2nd Grade	Room 205
	3rd-5th Grade	Room 201
Youth	6th -8th Grade	Room 206
	9th-12th Grade	Room 208 (Youth Room)
Adults	Chapel Class	Chapel
	Fellowship Class	Room 204
	Young Adults	Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

Sally Menning (friend of Martha Jones), Marie Stephens, Wanda Morris (sister of Mary McClanahan), Nancy Dick (friend of Linda Mayfield), Paul Ludwig, Will Dale, Betty Sloan, McKenzie Baxter, Sam Duncan, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

Announcements

Church office will be closed Monday, September 2

Committees will meet Tuesday, September 3, 6:00 pm

Sisters in Spirit Bible Study - resumes Monday, September 9 at 1:00 in the chapel. Pick up your book in the church office. We will be studying Brave and Beloved an in-depth study of women of the Bible.

Presby101— Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Do you have questions about what makes First Pres Columbia unique? Whether you're a longtime member interested in a refresher or a brand new visitor curious about joining our church family, you're invited to our Presby101 class on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 9am at the church. We'll gather in the morning for class and finish after lunch together around 1pm. Childcare will be available. Please contact the Church office at (931-388-1985) if you have any questions.

Save the Date! - September 5, 2024, Showtime 7:00pm. Swanky Southern Nights Live From the Mulehouse: A benefit show for Room In The Inn's Grace House. Purchase tickets @EventBrite. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board.

Women's Retreat-September 27 & 28 Mark your calendars and join us at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center for our annual Women's Retreat. Registration information will be available soon.

Save the Date! - FPC's Habitat for Humanity Build Day, Saturday, October 26, 2024. Contact Dan Garman at dgarman@fastmail.fm or Steve Lewis at stevelewis22@comcast.net to sign up or if you have questions.

Commissioning Service on September 8 — During the 10:30 service we will commission our Sunday School teachers, choir members, choristers, and handbell choir. Please plan to join us, especially if you are part of one of these ministries!

Sunday Schedule Beginning September 8

Early Service 8:15

Sunday School 9:15-10:00

Fellowship 10:00 - 10:25

Late Service 10:30

Ministers of the Church

Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton	Jeff Baxter
Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher	Matt Campbell
Ed Lancaster	John Hill	Dwight Fox
Craig Lorch	Amy Overton	Tonjia Potts
Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite	Teresa Smith

Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan	Frank Bellamy
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Bill Handy	Martha Kelley	Cindy Fox
Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry	Marianne Harrell
Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman	Andrew Hickman

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