

The First Presbyterian Church
300 South Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 7, 2024 – 10 a.m.
Simulcast Service

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

O give thanks to the Lord,
for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

✠**HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

✠**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Glory Be to the Father – Hymn 581

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 48

ANTHEM

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 4

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

✠**HYMN 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

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.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP – Ms. Robin Jennings

OFFERTORY

✠**RESPONSE**

Doxology (hymnal p. 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

✠**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Blessing

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer following Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠**HYMN 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

✠**BENEDICTION**

✠**POSTLUDE**

✠ Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff; Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music; Robin Jennings, Lector; The Summer Choir; Mr. Mark Golden, Video Technician.

The chancel flowers are place in memory of Len & Jane Daniels by Margie Barish.

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FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

PRAYER LIST: Nick Behun, Lisa Bulger, Art Caramella, George Chambers, Wayne Clemens, Sandy Cole, Dan & Ginger Collier, Beverly & William Courtney, Edna Mary Cox, Bob Dittman, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Duffy Greba, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Weston Johnson, Don Kemerer, Marge Machesney, George Maser, Joanne McIlhattan, John Noel, Dan P., Nancy Pallitta, Kathleen Piekut, Victoria Piekut, Gerry Pricer, Judy Rugh, Nancy Skrot, Mary Smith, Jerry Sohick, Nancy Stahl, Eileen Stefl, Crystal Stone, Brooke Stutzman, Sonny & Jo Thomas, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Doug Wessling, Don Whipkey.

VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY? If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service; he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

NURSERY NEWS – SUMMER HOURS! The nursery's summer hours have begun. There will only be drop off care available during the 10 a.m. worship hour. Gali looks forward to seeing you and your children for worship this summer. The nursery will open again at 9 a.m. at the start of the new program year in September!

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE TOTES - First Presbyterian Church also provides a comfort room and age-appropriate worship resource totes for families with young children to use during the service. They are in the narthex, or by asking an usher for assistance.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: A DAILY DEVOTIONAL – By ten o'clock in the morning each day, Monday through Friday, Martin posts a new devotion for the day. Please join in the practice of daily devotion for such a time as this.

DO YOU WISH TO GIVE ONLINE?



To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. *Starting August 31, 2024, the church will accrue a monthly fee for those who give by credit card. The church currently also incurs a 2.84% fee plus 45 cents on every credit card donation. These fees are not incurred for the church for donations routed through Vanco from a checking account.* Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPONSORING A FELLOWSHIP HOUR? Provide 6 dozen baked goods or \$35 donation to cover the cost. Use the sign-up sheet on the Dining Room bulletin board. Your contributions and participation are greatly appreciated. Fellowship Hours are held on the first and third Sundays of every month in the Dining Room. Coffee is provided by the Millers of 19 Coffee.

FIRST FRIDAYS: NEWS & UPDATES: If you haven't been receiving our First Fridays: News & Updates, please call Kim at the church office (724-832-0150) to verify and/or update your correct email address.

GAMES WITH RICK, Sunday, July 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the youth room. The city of Drakkenheim was devastated by a meteor. A mysterious, magical, mutation-causing haze blankets the buildings and alleyways. Five factions vie for control of the ruins. Our heroes must navigate monsters and intrigue to restore the city and save the kingdom.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL We are currently taking applications for the fall term. Check us out at <https://www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com/preschool.html> The website contains lots of information about our preschool, including upcoming events, our education methods, and more! **Know someone looking for a preschool next year? Open Enrollment is happening NOW! Recommend us to a friend. Also – Please help us advertise our wonderful preschool by putting a yard sign in your front lawn. Signs can be found in the Main St. entrance of our sanctuary.**

PRE-K TEACHER JOB OPPORTUNITY - FPC Preschool is seeking a competent, organized person with a positive attitude and strong leadership skills to teach in our Pre-K/STEAM classroom. This is a part-time position. They should possess a degree or certification in early childhood education, elementary education or a related degree. Interested individuals should contact: fpcgreensburg@comcast.net.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - SUMMER CHOIR on Sunday, July 14. This is your opportunity to give choir a try. All the fun of singing without the commitment! Come to the choir room on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. ready to learn a simple anthem. This opportunity is open to all adults and youth who would like to give singing a try. No matter what your summer schedule looks like you can join us when you're in town. Come to one or come to both - this is your official invitation and the door is open. Contact Jeff Jones with any questions at FPCGMusicMinistry@gmail.com.

THE CORNERSTONE GROUP INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM ... Saturday, July 13 at 6 p.m. We will be dining at Moreland's at Waterworks, 1817 S. Broad St., Greensburg. Please sign-up by July 9 by calling Sandy Beauregard (724-834-2247 or 724-331-3457) or emailing her (sandbeau1@verizon.net) to reserve your spot.

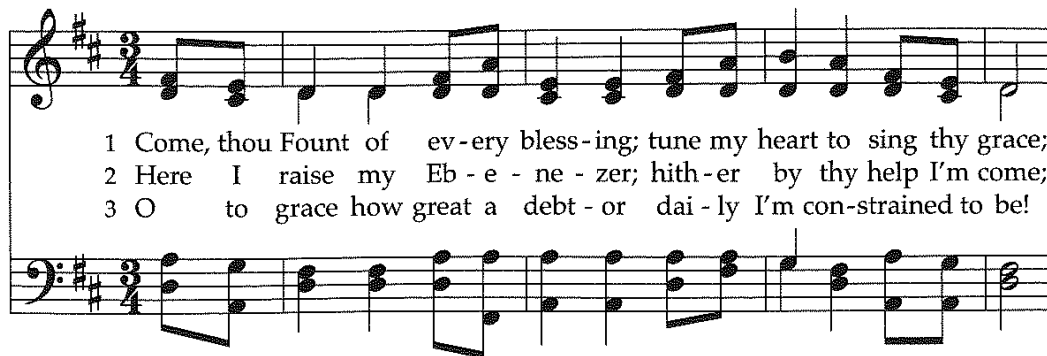
SIGHT & SOUND PRODUCTION - SATURDAY, AUG. 17 - We have scheduled a trip to the Dutch Valley in Sugar Creek, Ohio on August 17th. We will be seeing the Sight and Sound production of *Ruth* at the Ohio Star Theater at 1:00 p.m. Prior to the play, we will be dining at the Dutch Valley Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. **THERE ARE A FEW TICKETS LEFT!** We will be taking the church van, but only 14 people will be able to ride in it. Some will need to car pool and follow the van. The trip will take approximately 2 1/2 to 3 hours one way. We will be leaving from the church lot at about 7:45 a.m. and have one comfort stop. After the play ends (3:00 p.m.) there will be time to visit some of the numerous shops on the campus prior to returning. We should be back at the church by 8:00 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person and the price includes the play, lunch, tax and tip. *You can mail a check to the office, payable to First Presbyterian Church, by August 1st.* Persons interested in attending should contact Sandy Beauregard (724-834-2247, 724-331-3457, sandbeau1@verizon.net).



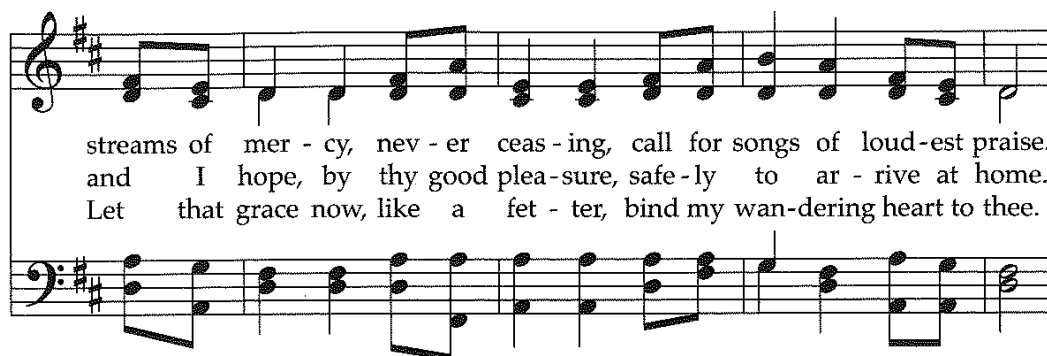
CHURCH PICNIC, AUGUST 25 – Please join your church family and friends on Sunday, August 25 following the morning worship service for our annual church picnic at the Heather Lund Pavilion in Mt. Odin Park, Greensburg, just off Route 30. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and paper products. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. If you are not a cook, no worries! We always have plenty of food and your presence will make the event a memorable one! Come meet and socialize with family and friends from the congregation. If you can bring along food to share, please call the church office to indicate your contribution. This event is held rain or shine!

AN OLD FAVORITE RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER! It's fun! It's fellowship! It's food! Here's how it works: someone hosts and provides the main course, others come with accompanying dishes and a good time is had by all! Please consider participating in this great activity. We will be forming the new Dinners for Eight groups during the summer months with an eye to starting in September. The hosts for the first month have been recruited, now we need folks to sign up as participants. The gatherings will be created merely by drawing names out of a hat, then the hosts will be informed of who is coming to their house and the guests will be informed of who their host will be. It will be up to the group to determine a mutually acceptable date and time. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Miller or Dr. Ankrum. Look for our sign ups in Fellowship Hours in the summer or call the church office.

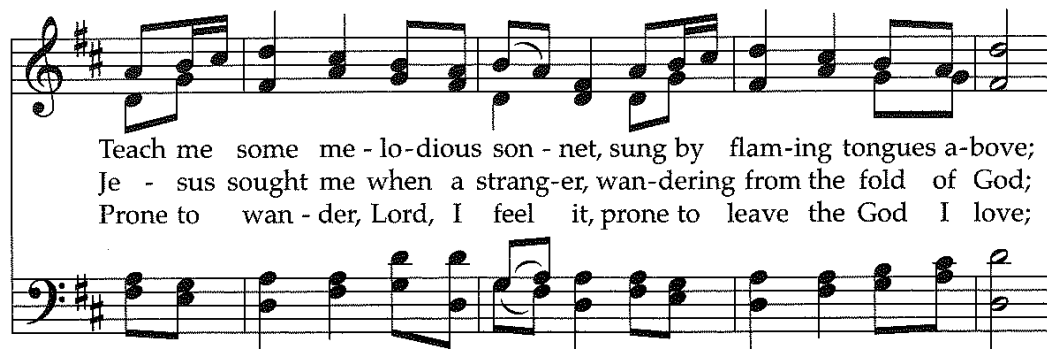
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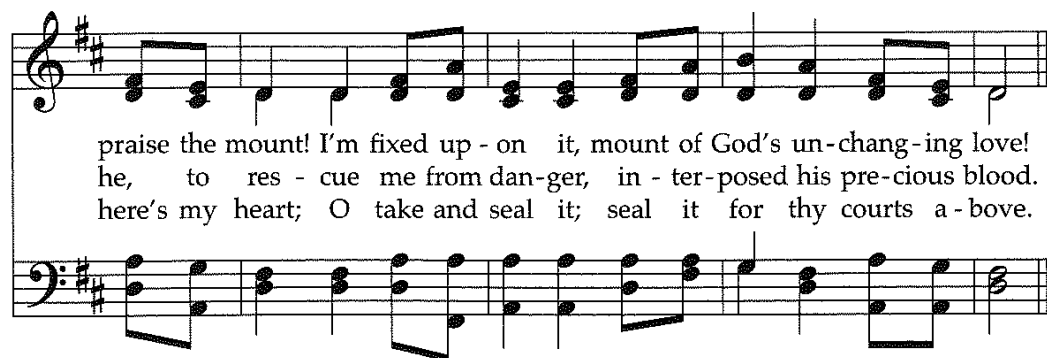
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshúitinigí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íj da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.