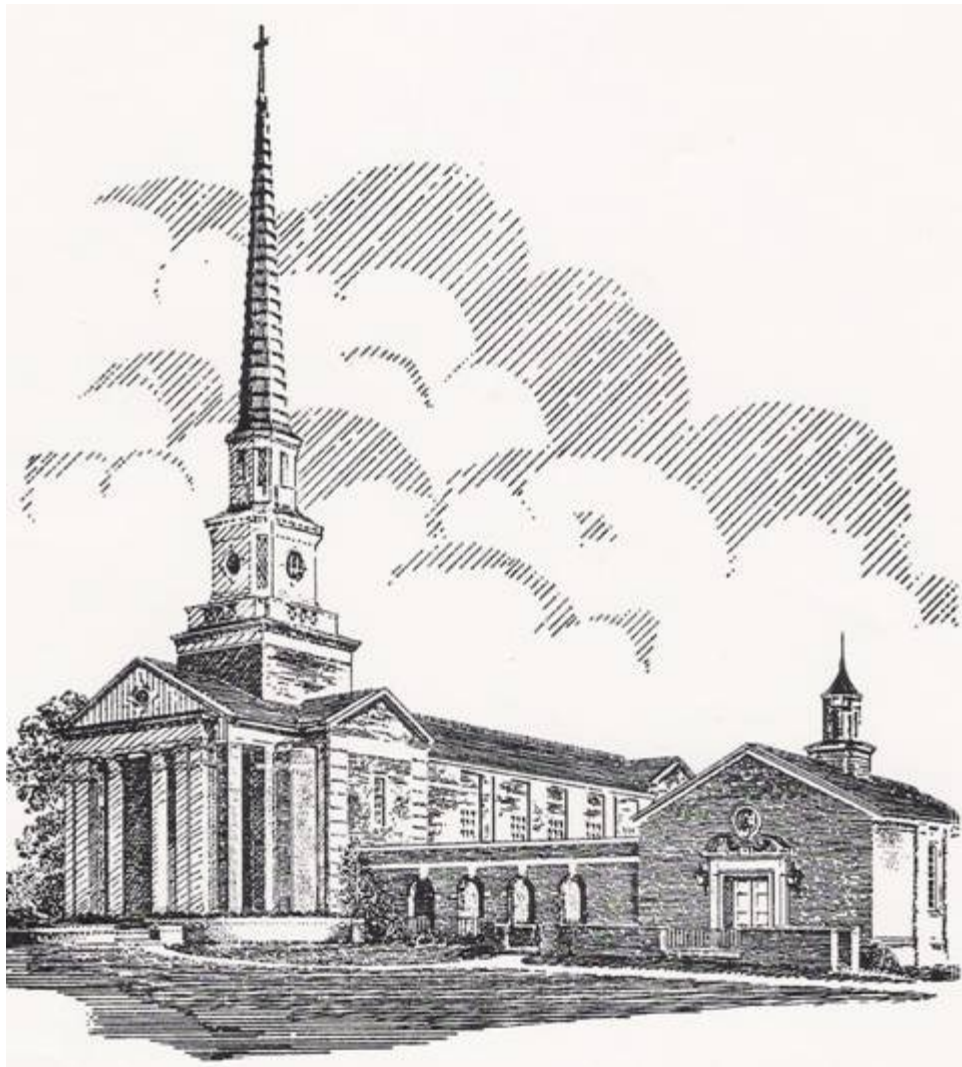


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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 7, 2024



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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please join in reading  
aloud those parts of the  
service printed  
in bold.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

*The congregation is  
invited to reflect silently  
during the Music for  
Preparation as a time of  
prayer and meditation.*

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Trumpet March

Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-1687)

*Rob McConnell, trumpet*

*W. Thomas Jones, guest organist*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8

Who are we, O God, that you draw near when we call?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you care for us?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you crown us with honor?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you make us stewards of the earth?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, to deserve your faith and trust?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

*When this symbol (\*)  
precedes an element of  
the service, please rise  
in body or spirit.*

## \*OPENING HYMN – No. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of blessing, forgive us for our ingratitude for your creation,  
your creatures and your people.

**We are all your children,**

**yet we are neglectful of those who have less than we do.**

**We find it too inconvenient to follow you.**

**Forgive us for offering prayers for others and letting it go at that.**

**Forgive us for honoring you with our words and actions today  
and then forgetting all about you when we get home.**

**We pray for ourselves and each other in the name of Christ, our healer. Amen.**

*We lay before God our  
own sins,  
the sins and  
brokenness of our  
fellow worshipers,  
the church universal,  
and the world.*

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Glo - ry to God! The heav'ns a - dore! Let earth re - sound God's  
praise there - fore; Au - thor of peace for ev - er - more!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Michael Morgan

**\*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

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

*We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.*

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 8

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 605-606*

*Pew Bible, page 492*

*Psalms of Wonder*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

Draw Near to Me

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Robin Askew McConnell, soprano*

Draw near to me! Thee would I follow wherever thou shalt lead me, Lord,  
my mind and heart are stayed on thee.  
Though storms arise, thou art beside me, no darkness can dispel thy light,  
through thee alone mine eyes shall see.  
In thee I dwell, my guide and father, though raging tempest surge around me,  
my joy and shelter Thou shalt be.  
Thy face I see; thy voice is saying, "when troubled waters would o'ercome thee,  
I am forever at thy side."  
Then would I die, dying victorious! In death or life I shall not fear!  
I know my soul shall rest in thee.

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 12:13-17

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 59*

*Pew Bible, page 49*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Freedom in Christ

Rev. Carrie Tuttle

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*- A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Our response to  
hearing God's Word  
includes singing and  
saying what we  
believe.*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

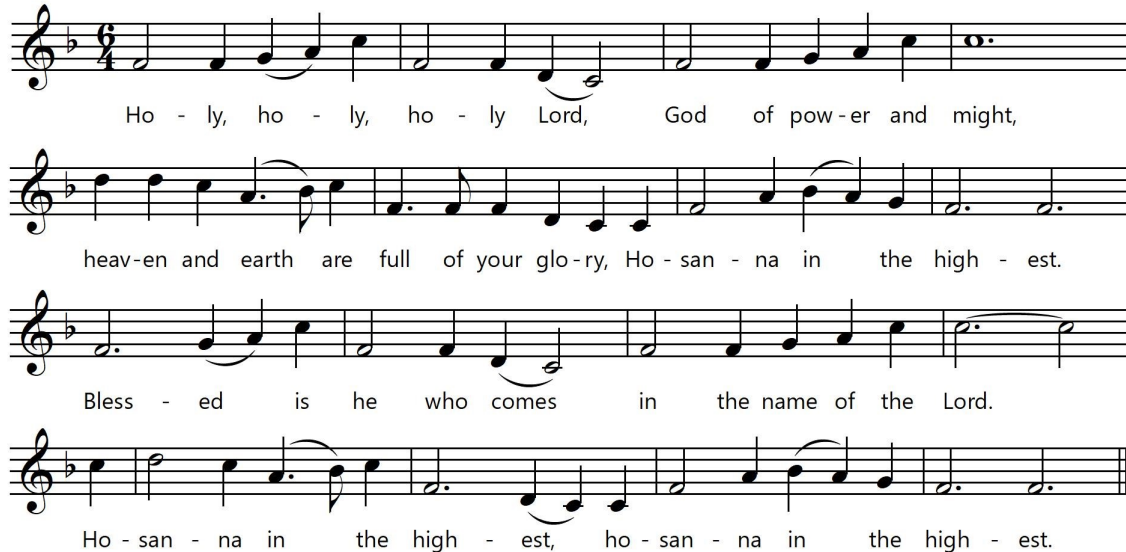
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Richard Proulx, Land of Rest

## 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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*Lord's Supper*  
During his ministry,  
Jesus shared meals  
as a sign of  
community and  
acceptance. As we  
gather for  
communion, know  
that you are  
welcome in this  
community and  
accepted at Christ's  
table.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Come Quickly to Console

Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)

*Robin Askew McConnell, soprano*

*Rob McConnell, trumpet*

*(sung in Italian)*

My Lord, for thee I die!

Come quickly to console this heart which so much longs for you  
and calls upon you to restore it

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -  
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a -bove, ye heaven-ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## BEARING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN – No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

### VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

Johann K. Fischer (1667-1756)

*Rob McConnell, trumpet*

*Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Temporary Acting Head of Staff*

*John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications*

*Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education*

*God blesses and  
sends us in mission  
to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to a minister. The Church Office phone number is 336-228-1703.

**MUSIC NOTES:** Music texts and impressions, along with streaming music, are provided with permission from One License, License #A-715495. All rights reserved.

**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE:** *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sisters, Brenda Lopp and Janelle Bunn, by Sandy Scott.

**RED ROSE** is given to the glory of God and in loving honor of the birth of Eloise Paige Haigler on June 28 to Russell and Jennifer Haigler. Grandparents include Gary and Lavane Herman. Great grandmother is Helen Hickey. Big sister, Charlotte, joins in the celebration.

**PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION:** If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the minister on call: Carrie Tuttle (336-708-0451)

**JULY MISSION GIVING FOCUS** is Benevolence Farm. Check out their website to find out more about the organization [benevolencefarm.org](http://benevolencefarm.org). FPC will collect your donations of paper towels, bathroom tissue, facial tissue, and body care products during the month of July. Drop off donations in the marked bin outside the CDC/Welcome Center entrance or in the bin in the Welcome Center.

**FURNITURE MINISTRY WORKDAY** will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All are invited to help.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS:** The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations for the office of Deacon and Elder for the Class of 2027. Please direct your recommendations in writing or email to the Church Office by August 4. Email address: [reception@fpcburlington.org](mailto:reception@fpcburlington.org). A list of current officers and a description of duties are now available in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and Church Office.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

- 10:00 a.m.      Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m.      Lemonade on the Lawn  
4:00 p.m.        Yoga – Front Lawn

### Monday, July 8

- Noon             Furniture Ministry Team Meeting – Room 228

### Tuesday, July 9

- 8:00 a.m.        Walk and Talk – Shive Hall or Outside  
10:00 a.m.       Staff Meeting – Room 203

### Wednesday, July 10

- 7:45 a.m.        Habitat Unity Build  
4:00 p.m.        Buildings and Grounds Team Meeting – Room 122  
6:00 p.m.        TableTop Game Night – John Knox Room

### Thursday, July 11

- 10:00 a.m.       Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 201

### Saturday, July 13

- 9:00 a.m.        Furniture Ministry Workday



## A Moment's Meditation

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.”

Luke 3:4