



# First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, July 28, 2024



*Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God’s People*

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



### Order of Worship

#### **Prayer in Preparation**

Holy God, shepherd of your people, you provide for us far more than we can imagine possible. Calm our fears. Lead us beyond ourselves. Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Prelude**

*Hymns of Peace*

arr. Phillip Keveren

#### **Gathering for Worship**

Leader: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask. Let us worship God and none other.

**All: Let us worship God.**

#### **\*Hymn #664**

*Morning Has Broken*

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

Leader: We often do not acknowledge God’s presence in our lives. Yet the Spirit is with us as the source of life itself. Therefore let us confess our sins and receive Christ’s mercy.

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

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help.**

**Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you or lie to you,  
or to excuse ourselves from the harm we’ve done to others.**

**Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ and glorify him,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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

Leader: The river of God’s mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

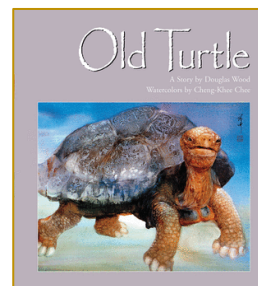
*\*Please stand as you are able*

## **\*Giving of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

**\*Response #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*



## **Children's Sermon**

Old Turtle is Back!

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Reader: O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and fill us with the love of Christ.

Feed us with the bread of heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of God. **Amen.**

## **New Testament Lesson**

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NT p. 193)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn #623**

*I've Got Peace like a River*

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Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word**

Nobody's Perfect

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us confess our faith together:

**All: In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**\*Hymn #658**

*God Is So Good*

**Covenant Box**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: God has provided enough for us to share as we give thanks and praise through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us present our tithes and offerings.

**Offertory**

*In the Sweet By and By*

arr. Anthony Burger

**\*#606 Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Gracious God, bless our offerings so that we can follow where Christ leads us for the service of your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns** (*In the bulletin, on cards, or via Zoom Chat*)

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Minister: Let us pray... *Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #546**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

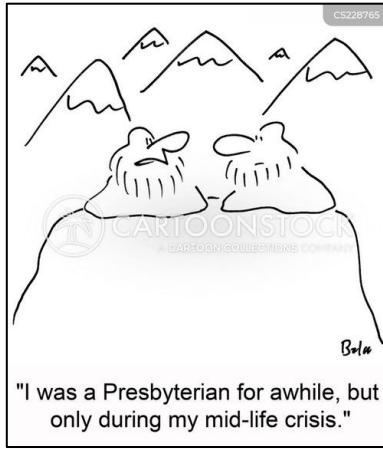
Minister: God feed you with open hands, protect you with mighty power, and heal you with gentle spirit.

**Postlude**

*Silvery Waves*

A. P. Wyman

## Moment for Reflection:



### Worship Assistants

Pam Holt- Greeter  
Wendi Zea- Worship Assistant  
Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist  
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Sarah Merideth- Head Usher  
Dori Jefferson- Scripture Reader  
Lily Vucinic- Zoom Greeter

### **JULY 28, 2024**

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Harry and Marta Davis)

### **JULY 31, 2024**

10:00 am Bible Study with Bill and J. P.  
3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry via Zoom

### **AUGUST 4, 2024**

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Host: Rolanda Quick)

### **Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 am-2:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—  
please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out **Joys and Concerns** cards at the back of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of worship. The cards are on the table as you enter, and there is a basket to put the completed cards in. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are (please complete asap during the service.)

The August 15, 2024, meeting of the **dinner group** will be at Montgomery Place, 131 S Division St., Carterville. Please join us at 5:30 at this new and locally owned business. Contact Jill at [jillhertzing@aol.com](mailto:jillhertzing@aol.com) with questions or to confirm your attendance.

*Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.*



### Joys and Concerns

#### Remember to Pray for:

- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Transgender community and others under attack legislatively
- Those affected by natural disasters, threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Those who are homeless, hungry, marginalized, underrepresented and in harm's way
- Military Service Members

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Presbyterian Child Development Center**

#### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Praise to you, O God. I am thankful that in you there is no night.

Let my morning prayer rise to you as blooming flowers turn to meet the sun.

In all things, let me trust in you. Let me finish the day as I begin it- in your care. Amen.

#### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Holy One, grant that we will journey into night, led by your eternal Light, and that we may gain comfort, rest, and renewal, rising to a new day giving you thanks and praise. Amen.

#664

*Morning Has Broken*

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1 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the  
Word!

2 Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet  
pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day~

#582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (sing twice)

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned  
me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be. Amen

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*I've Got Peace Like a River*

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1 I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;  
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#658

### *God Is So Good*

- 1 God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.
- 2 God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.
- 3 God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.
- 4 God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

#606

### *Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

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.

#546

### *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.