



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 7, 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

Creator God, you show your power in whirling galaxies. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out all the evils that threaten to break our spirits. Help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

America the Beautiful

arr. Tedd Smith

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*Call to Confession

Leader: God’s love is revealed in Christ’s dying and rising for us.
Let us confess our sins and receive new life.

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Triune God, we are much more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love.

O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us.

O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

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

Good Habits

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Savior God, you gave Zion as a stronghold for David. By the power of your Spirit, speak your holy Word to us. Help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 5:1-5 (OT p. 279)

When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod; then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and placed it beside Dagon. When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. But when they rose early on the next morning, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off upon the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

***Hymn** #693

Though I May Speak

New Testament Lesson

Mark 6:1-13 (NT p. 40)

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Shaking Off the Dust

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: Let us affirm our faith together:

All: In life and death we belong to God. Amen.

Covenant Box

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Let us bear witness to the love of God by presenting our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory

Meditation on a Folk Song

arr. Joseph M. Martin

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Gracious God, use these gifts and offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ongoing ministry of the church. **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. Death is all around us, Lord; the world groans with the weight of it.

The rulers and nations need your wisdom, Lord; oppression and injustice prevail.

Our hearts are troubled, guide us until we find our rest in you.

Merciful God, hear now the prayers of the people... *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.

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

May light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house,
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians

arr. Mark Hayes

Moment for Reflection:

Beverly Zink-Sawyer, *The Daily Feast*

The word for us in Mark 6:1-13 is that we are not held responsible

for the response to our ministries in Christ's name, but only for our own faithfulness.

With such assurance, we can witness boldly and faithfully.

Worship Assistants

Wendi Zea- Greeter
Beth Malmquist- Worship Assistant
Kathy Manfredi- Accompanist
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Bill Martens- Head Usher
Elizabeth - Scripture Reader
Jane Swanson- Zoom Greeter

JULY 7, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.
Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Rosey Gibbs and Pam Holt)

JULY 10, 2024

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

JULY 14, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.
Potluck Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am-1:30 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.

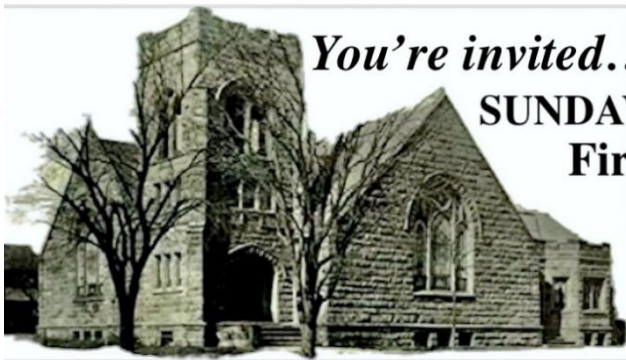
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.)

From Green Guardians: Remember to pick up a bag to collect flexible plastics, which will eventually be made into decking material and outdoor benches and furniture. See the newsletter article and check for more information on the bag and at the Green Guardians display in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner Group will meet at 5:30 pm Thursday, July 18 at Don Sol (Giant City Road, Carbondale, IL). All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please email jillhertzing@aol.com.

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.



You're invited...bring a friend

SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024 10:00AM

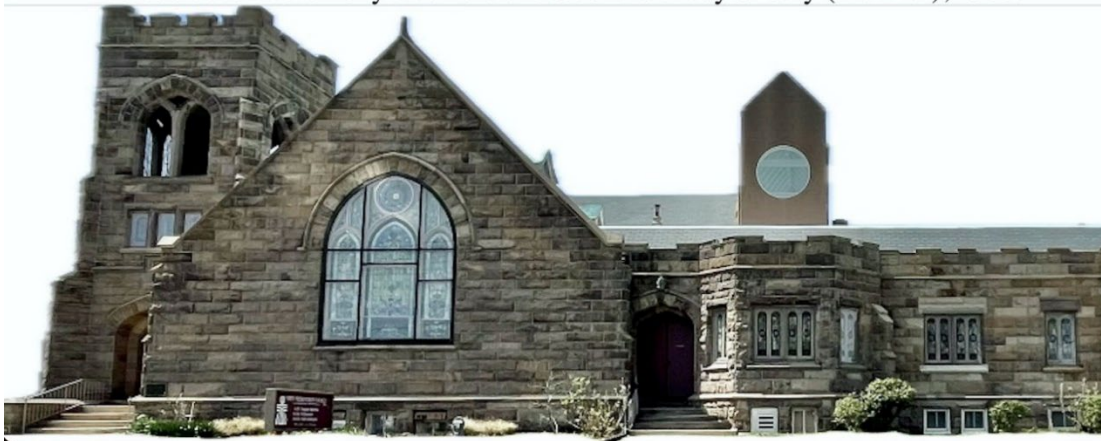
First Presbyterian Church

Carbondale, Illinois

Worship & Fellowship

*Celebrating the anniversary
of the church's dedication*

Church lots were purchased in December, 1902; the building was completed in June, 1906.
The dedication ceremony was held the second Sunday of July (the 14th), 1907.



*Join us in Fellowship Hall for a potluck meal immediately following the worship service.
(There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex.)*

Joys and Concerns

Please let the church office know if someone needs to be added to or removed from the lists below.

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: **Congregation Beth Jacob**

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

Household Prayer: Morning

Fire of life, thank you for bringing me safely through the night.

As this new day dawns let me receive it as a gift and a blessing.

Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to you.

Attune my body to the rhythms of the day so that I can love and serve others as you guide me.

Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, I lift my evening prayer as shadows cover me and night sounds come from hidden places.

But darkness is not dark to you, so I ask that you hear my prayers and see me through the night.

I have only the activities of the day to offer as my living sacrifice of praise. Forgive my unholiness;

reconcile me by your grace. For the sake of the risen Christ, this night grant me peace. Amen.

#331 *God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand*

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1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

#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

2 Samuel 5:1-5 (OT p. 279)

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

#693 *Though I May Speak*

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1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

#825 (v. 1-2) *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*
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Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

2 If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

#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.

#825 (v.3-4) *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*
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3 The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]