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Summer Worship ❖ July 5, 2026 ❖ 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

The Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Prelude *My Country 'Tis of Thee* arr. Eleanor Whitsett

*Call to Worship

One: We worship the One who made the spacious skies, who formed the amber waves of grain, who shaped the purple mountains and every shining sea.
All: **We praise the Creator whose beauty fills the earth and whose mercy is new every morning.**
One: We seek the One who mends every human flaw, who confirms our souls in self-control, who calls us to liberty shaped by grace.
All: **Whose kingdom has no borders, whose mercy reaches every people, and whose glory fills the whole earth. Let us worship God.**

*Hymn #561 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have created us for abundant life. We confess that we undervalue life when we allow indignity or are indifferent to suffering. We undervalue liberty by making it about us rather than love for another. We pursue personal happiness more eagerly than societal righteousness, justice, and peace. Forgive us, renew us by your Holy Spirit, to seek the flourishing of others as faithfully as we seek our own; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness (Romans 7:24)

Paul writes, who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
*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.*

Children's Moment Catie Johns

Scripture Reading *Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18* Margie Clark

Instrumental Solo *America the Beautiful* Dustin Jennings

Scripture Reading *John 6:56-69* Rev. Katie Barrett Todd
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Pick A Loaf* Rev. Katie Barrett Todd

*Hymn #262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.**

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Improvisation*

*Doxology Hymn #592
*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 Thanksgiving
We give you thanks for this offering, O God. Use the gifts that we bring to expand our work to your glory. By them, help us invite others to join us on this path, and together mutually pledge ourselves to the gospel work. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
The Prayer after Communion

*Hymn (insert)

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Lift Every Voice and Sing

from *Glory to God*

* Let us rise in body or spirit.



Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Lexington! Whether this is your first time visiting or you are a longtime member, please know that you are always welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Information is also available in the lobby and narthex. It is a blessing to share this worship service with you.

We love children here at First Presbyterian and welcome them to our worship service. There are worship bags in the Kids' Corner in the lobby for younger children to pick up before the service.



We're glad you're visiting.
Can we connect with you?



GUEST PREACHER

While Pastor Jon is away on Navy Reserve annual training, we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Katie Barrett Todd. She is the Executive Director at UKIRK Greensboro and is an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She holds a M. Div. and a MACE (Master of Arts in Christian Education) from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. Katie has also served churches and campus ministries in South Carolina, Kentucky, and Nebraska. She currently resides in Greensboro with her husband Mason, who is pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church here in Lexington, and her two teenagers.

GUEST MUSICIAN

We are grateful to Dustin Jennings for sharing his gift of music with us today.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study has finished the book of James. We will take a couple of weeks off before beginning the book of Jude on July 15. We meet at noon in the fellowship hall. All are welcome any week.

701 There's a Quiet Understanding

1 There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered
2 And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and

in the Spir - it; it's a prom - ise that he gives us, when we
un - der - stand - ing, that our broth - ers and our sis - ters feel the

gath - er in his name. There's a love we feel in Je - sus,
one - ness that he brings. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Je - sus,

there's a man - na that he feeds us; it's a prom - ise that he gives us,
for the way you love and feed us, for the man - y ways you lead us,

1 when we gath - er in his name. 2 thank you, thank you, Lord. (Repeat, ad lib.)

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The church office is on summer schedule. Jeanna will not be in the office on Fridays through August 14.

SUMMER HYMNS

Thank you for sharing over seventy hymns, songs, and chorus for our summer worship. It's a great list! We will sing as many of these as possible in the weeks ahead.

TRAVELING JESUS

Invite Jesus to join you on your adventures this summer! In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells His Disciples, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). *Traveling Jesus* is inspired by a national school project called *Flat Stanley*, based on a book written by Jeff Brown. Traveling Jesus helps children and adults remember that Jesus is always with them.

Traveling Jesus is an invitation to keep Him at the front of our mind and in our heart as we move through our days. When we seek Jesus, we find Him, and we want to share Him with our friends. This is more than a photo opportunity; this is a call to live out our faith no matter where we go in the world.

This summer, take a picture of you and *Traveling Jesus* enjoying an adventure or activity together and then email or text it to Catie (dcecatie@fpclexnc.com or 336.225.0014). Let's keep Jesus at the front of our minds and remember that He is always with us! Get your *Traveling Jesus* from the Kid's Corner (by the sanctuary entrance from the lobby).

FREE T-SHIRTS

If you would like a t-shirt with the FPC logo on the front and a scripture verse on the back, there are just a few left! They are located on the literature table in the lobby.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We could use a few volunteers to help with our sound system, video system, and livestream. We can train you, and you'll be putting your faith to work to help spread the gospel through the community and into the world. Even if you want to just take a closer look, contact David Durrell (336-926-6204) or Pastor Jon (276-206-6370).



Online Giving

Thank you for your gift!

What's Happening this Week

Sunday	July 5	10:00 AM	Summer Worship (sanctuary)
Tuesday	July 7	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
Wednesday	July 8	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nancy Gilbert's home)
Thursday	July 9	11:00 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Sunday	July 12	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Summer Worship (sanctuary) Funeral for Gloria Bulluck (sanctuary)

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

As you place live flowers in the church columbarium, please also remove them in a timely manner. The kindred spirit of this garden holds for us all the divine guidance of our sacred Lord.

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The Two Cents A Meal Offering addresses hunger in our region. If we all set aside a small amount to help feed people, it will make a difference. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation.

SUMMER BULLETIN COVERS

This summer, the bulletin covers will show a different and unique picture of the church. This week, the cover is a colorized AI creation from a drawing of the church published in *The Dispatch* on February 14, 1906. Today's cover and previous Sunday bulletin covers are on display, along with their original picture, across from the parlor.