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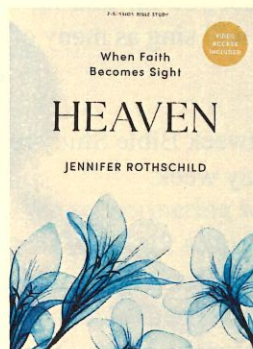
COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

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.

WOMEN OF THE WORD FALL STUDY

All women are invited to join Women of the Word for their fall study, *Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight*, by Jennifer Rothschild. In this seven session study, we will explore the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective, separating what's true from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. Don't just wonder about Heaven—embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

The fall session begins Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM. You will need to purchase your own copy of the study guide (available at Amazon.com, Lifeway.com, or Christianbook.com). Invite a friend!



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Summer Worship ❖ August 16, 2026 ❖ 10:00 AM
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prelude

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

arr. David Lasky

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

All: That God's way would be known upon the earth, God's saving power among the nations.

One: Let the people praise you, O God.

All: Let all the peoples praise you.

*Hymn (insert)

He Is Exalted

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are content. Some of our contentment comes from moments of Sabbath in which we catch our breath and enjoy the stillness. We are also content to let others do the work, others sing, and others serve. When does our contentment become a rut? Holy Spirit, keep working on us to make us discontent in all of the life-zapping ways that limit our faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Colossians 3:1

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*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

Scripture Reading

Acts 21:1-6

Craig Koontz

Special Music

In the Garden (Medley)
Sarah Frye, vocalist

arr. Alexa Schlimmer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Legacy of Kindness

Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn #378 (Tune: #442)

Help Us Accept Each Other

Ordination and Installation of Elders

*Affirmation of Faith

Barmen Declaration, 8.15-19

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with our faith as with our obedience, with our message as with our order, that we are solely God's own, and that we live and want to live solely from God's comfort and direction in the expectation of God's appearance.

Prayers of the People and the 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.

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. Receive these gifts and keep us engaged in the mission to ease the pain of those who are suffering, to offer generously to those who only know crumbs, and to sow a legacy of kindness in service to others. Amen.

***Hymn #280**

Amazing Grace

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Praeludium and Fugue in B Flat Major

J. S. Bach

* 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. If you would like more information about the congregation, please ask Pastor Jon. 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. Younger children are encouraged to visit the Kids' Corner in the lobby to pick up activity pages and colored pencils before the service.

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



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GUEST MUSICIAN

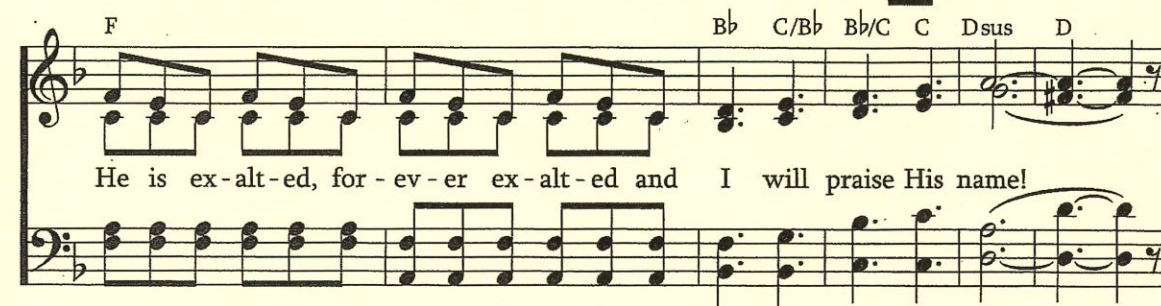
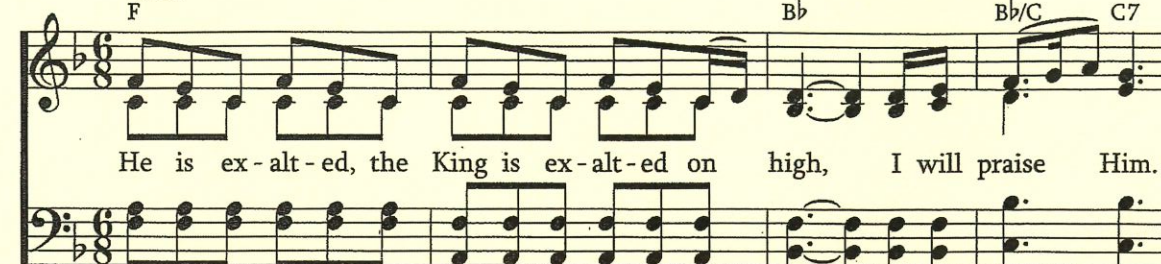
We welcome today our guest musician, Sarah Frye, and thank her for sharing her musical gifts with us.

LAST CALL FOR TRAVELING JESUS PICTURES

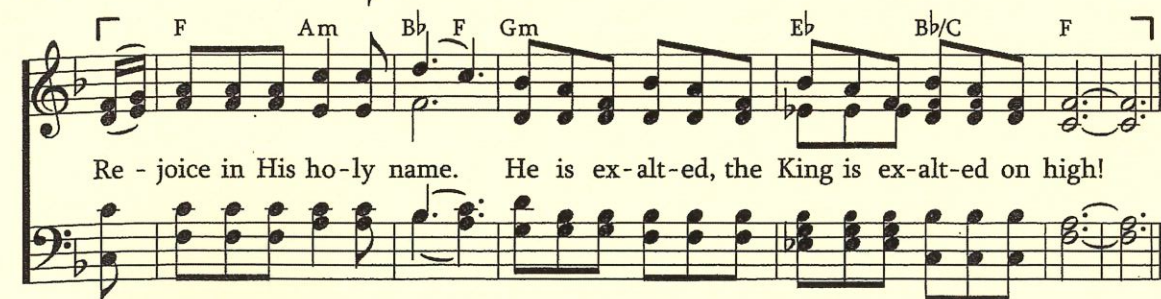
We are grateful to everyone who has submitted a *Traveling Jesus* picture this summer. If you would still like to get in on the fun, you may text or email your picture to Catie Johns. All submissions are due by August 31.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

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Chorus



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OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Servant hearts and willing hands needed. If you would like to serve on the Congregational Life/Fellowship Ministry Team for the 2026-2027 year, please let Beth White know (mekwhite0705@gmail.com or 336-309-3956). Also, if you have a special talent you’d be willing to share with the church family (a hand-lettering workshop, painting class, gentle yoga, etc), or if you have an idea for a fellowship activity, please reach out to Beth. Church is meant to be lived in community, and fellowship helps build that community. Thank you, all, for being part of this church family!

Young adult small group. All young adults interested in a small group for Bible study or social events, or who would like to be added to the contact list, please text Neida Ramirez (704-213-9077) or Jan Kiefer (336-906-3915).

Sound and Video. We need 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. Even if you want to just take a closer look, contact David Durrell (336-926-6204) or Pastor Jon (276-206-6370).

Deliver a meal. Share a smile. Change a life. Imagine if a simple lunch delivery could save a life. For many seniors in our town, a visit from a Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only contact they have with the outside world all day. It is not just about a hot meal. It is about a friendly knock on the door, a quick safety check, and a warm chat. We need your help to keep our neighbors safe and fed.

Time commitment: Every other Friday, giving about an hour of your time each of those weeks. What you do: Pick up meals, drive a short route, and deliver smiles. You can bring comfort and independence to a local senior. If you would like to serve in this capacity or would like more information about helping our local Meals on Wheels group, please contact Celia Stalvey or the church office.

AUGUST LUNCH SERVERS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

We are grateful to the following folks for serving lunch to the homeless each Sunday in August:
August 9 - Karen Carrickhoff, Deborah Gray, Carol Beck
August 16 - Donna and Bill Bryan, Susan Gardner
August 23 - Minta and Ken Vander Schaaf, Becky Klass
August 30 - Ken and Kim White, Sheila Goff

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are excited to kick-off a great school year with a back-to-school supply drive. We are partnering with Stoner-Thomas School *and* the Genesis House for this year’s drive! Stoner-Thomas is a K-12 school in the heart of Davidson County that serves special needs students from all over the county. The Genesis House is in Lexington, NC and is operated by Davidson County First Hope Ministries. They provide temporary shelter for homeless families. The drive will run through August 30.

What's Happening this Week			
Sunday	August 16	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Called Session Meeting (Session room) Summer Worship - Ordination & Installation of Elders (sanctuary) Session (Session room)
Tuesday	August 18	7:15 AM	Men’s Breakfast (Cagney’s)
Wednesday	August 19	12:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall) Craig & Cathy Koontz, Meredith Andrews, & Carol Beck prepare and serve meal at Shelter
Thursday	August 20	11:00 AM 5:45 PM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room) Fellowship Dinner (Southern Lunch)
Sunday	August 23	10:00 AM	Summer Worship (sanctuary)

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN STUDY BOOKS

Study books for 2026-2027, *United Through Christ*, *Bound to Each Other*, are now available to pick up on the table in the hall outside Jeanna’s office. Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 14 with Morning Circle at 10:30 and Evening Circle at 7:00. Betty Knox will teach lesson one for both Circles. New members are always welcome! Contact Celia Stalvey, Carol Beck, or Betty Knox for more information.

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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study returns this Wednesday at noon in the fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to join in any week.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Today we set apart, with prayer and the laying on of hands, the following people who were elected on May 31 to serve as elders: Carol Beck, Beverly Black, Richard Goff, Jim Beall Graham, Katie Kennedy, Bill McMurray, Emily Orman, Ben Stalvey, and Ashley Timberlake.