

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (Unison)**

Our Father in heaven, as you multiplied the loaves and fish, take these, our gifts, and maximize their fruitfulness so that others may have their daily bread and your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #210** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Broughton



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

July 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
"An Amazing Race"
*Green: Symbolizes
New Life, Rebirth, and Hope*

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden

ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane **GUEST ORGANIST:** Tony Ouradnik

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Ron Swim and Angie Parks – Trumpets
accompanied by Becky Tish – Piano

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'Beach Spring'" Denton

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP

Kathleen Petersen

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

People: **Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.**

Leader: The Lord's righteousness has been revealed. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

We praise you, God our Father, that in Jesus Christ you came to us with grace and forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of PRAISE #455** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, if I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.



Church Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:

- ~ Glorifying and worshiping God
- ~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
- ~ Loving and serving all people



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****PRAYER of CONFESSION (Responsive)**

Leader: Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

People: **Yet too often we practice pride.**

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out

People: **Yet too often we care only about those who are strong, respected, and popular.**

Leader: You freely forgave and healed,

People: **Yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**

Leader: You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

People: **Yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.**

Leader: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

People: **Yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.**

All: **Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.**
(Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who loves and accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Thanks be to God.

PASSING of the PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

****GLORIA PATRI #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.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

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God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and draws us to Christ to acknowledge him as Lord. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 103:1-13 (pg. 482)

The Word of the Lord

Kathleen Petersen

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Throw Out the Life-Line”

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (pg. 931)

TIME for CHILDREN

Rev. Bob Thomson

(Children may go upstairs for Children’s Church.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“An Amazing Race”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN of RESPONSE #144**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

****CONFESSION of FAITH - Apostles’ Creed — Traditional Version**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

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****DOXOLOGY #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.