

## The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 14, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/INVITATIONS

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us together as a community listening to this moment.

**We incline our ears.**

God calls us together as a community listening to what matters.

**We are ready to listen.**

God calls us together as a community listening to what is true.

**We have come from Jacksonville to Decatur**

**to hear the good news proclaimed.**

Together, in this community, we will hear so much.

**God calls us together to listen again.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you incline your ear and listen to every joy and sorrow.

Whisper and shout and sing your promise to us again so that,

filled to the brim with your good news,

**we can share in your hope again and again.**

Amen? **Amen.**

SING

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

#339

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Loving God, you call us to be disciples

and proclaim the good news of your love and forgiveness.

Yet often, we are timid, uncertain, and afraid.

**Forgive us, God, and send us once again.**

Sometimes we hesitate to go, feeling that we are not good enough

and need special gifts and training.

**Forgive us, God, and send us once again.**

Jesus told his disciples to travel lightly.

Yet we often carry emotional baggage

and struggle under the weight of tired traditions and stale ideas.

**Forgive us, God, and send us once again.**

We can be afraid of rejection.

And when we are rejected, we can be tempted to bury ourselves in self-pity.

**Forgive us, God, and send us once again.**

Jesus never told us that being a disciple would be easy.

Help us, God, when we are afraid to take risks

for your sake and the sake of the gospel.

**Forgive us, God, and send us once again.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

Hear this good news: Christ Jesus died to show God's unending love for us,  
even though we were sinners.

So be assured that your sins are forgiven.

As forgiven children of God, go and proclaim the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

#### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-8

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### SING

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

#655

#### GIVING OUR GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

"Alleluia!"

#587

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, you have created hope.

Your love has been poured into our hearts so that we brim with hope for others.

**We brim with hope for the world.**

**We share in the hope that we will not disappoint with our hands,  
our hearts, and every gif.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

**SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD**

SING

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

#747

SHARED BENEDICTION

**Let us go out into God's world in peace;**

**have courage; hold on to what is good;**

**return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;**

**support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;**

**love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

SENDING

Go out into the world with eyes open to seeing the lost,

with ears that hear the cry of the forlorn, and hearts filled with joy and,

strengthened by the love of God, ready to serve God's people and all creation.

POSTLUDE