

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10 am

*"Since we are living by the Spirit,
let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." (Galatians 5:25)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS

Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be;
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be.
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands;
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands.
*For it's only in Your will that I am free;
For it's only in Your will that I am free.*

(x2)

Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be.

*"Jesus, All for Jesus" by Jennifer Atkinson and Robin Mark.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Alyssa Caskey Judith Mei Light

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.

You, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.

Based on Psalm 97: 1-2, 6, 9, 11-12.

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HYMN #482: *PRAISE YE THE LORD*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

CHOIR: *JESUS IS LORD*

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Living In and By the Spirit"*

Romans 8:1-27

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷ For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

⁹ But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

¹² Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this hope when we were saved. . . .

²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(You are invited to join in unison with the pastor, or to follow along in silence)

Merciful God,
we confess that we too often have lived in accord with our sinful nature
rather than by the Spirit.

We set our minds on lesser things;
we harbor sin and enmity in our hearts;
we trust our own sufficiency
rather than the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit.

We have not prayed as we ought.
We have not hoped as we should.
We groan under the weight of what we are,
and what we have done,
and what we have left undone.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us,
for the sake of the one who bore our condemnation.

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

Our communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there 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.*

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HYMN #341: *HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU FACE TO FACE*

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face,
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all our weariness upon You lean.

We have no help but Yours, nor do we need
Another arm save Yours to lean upon.
It is enough, our Lord, enough indeed;
Our strength is in Your might, Your might alone.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table for us spread;
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
The fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove; but You are here,
Nearer than ever, still our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, June 9	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, June 10	Community Garden Volunteers (9:00 am) Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, June 11	Session (7:00 pm)
Saturday, June 13	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, June 14	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)

We have hearing assistance devices for those who could use a bit of a “volume boost” during the services. They are stored in a drawer in the table where the bulletins are set out each Sunday. If you need help finding them, ask!

This summer we'll have another “Questions and Answers” sermon series. If you have a question about the Bible (big picture or an individual passage or story), or what we believe as followers of Jesus, you're invited to submit your question(s) to Chuck. There are simple forms in Fellowship Hall, but you can also email your question(s) to Chuck (chuck@aberdeenpres.org).

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