

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 10 am

*"The earnest prayer of a righteous person
has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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"Lord, Listen to Your Children" by Ken Medema.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

We come before you this day as your children, beloved and known.

Before we ever learned to call you Father,
you already set your love upon us.

You taught us to pray, not as servants who must earn a hearing,
but as sons and daughters who belong.

Every good gift, every act of providing care,
every patient love that shapes a child —
these find their source in you.

For you are the Father from whom all fatherhood takes its name,
the perfect Father to whom every earthly father should point,
however imperfectly.

So come, people of God—
bring your praise, bring your needs, bring your prayers.

We come as children to our Father, and the King of Heaven,
to worship him in spirit and in truth.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Amen.

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HYMN #478: *PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
 To His feet thy tribute bring;
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Evermore His praises sing:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
 To His people in distress;
 Praise Him still the same as ever,
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
 Ye behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Merciful Father,

You have called us your children and taught us to pray with confidence,
 yet we confess that we often approach you as strangers
 rather than sons and daughters.

We rehearse our requests but neglect to listen.
 We ask for bread but rarely pause to thank the Baker.
 We come with our hands full of worries we refuse to set down,
 forgetting that you already know what we need before we ask.

Forgive us, Father, for the times we have doubted your care—
 when we pictured you as distant, or harsh, or indifferent to our days.
 Forgive us, too, for the ways we have resisted your discipline,
 mistaking your correction for rejection rather than love.

Restore in us the confidence of children
 who know they are heard,
 who know they are kept,
 who know they are loved—

not because we have earned it,
but because you are our Father still.

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

CHOIR: *THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE*

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Hannah: A Mother Whose Prayers Changed a Nation"*

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Then Hannah prayed:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD!
The LORD has made me strong.

Now I have an answer for my enemies;
I rejoice because you rescued me.

² No one is holy like the LORD!
There is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ "Stop acting so proud and haughty!
Don't speak with such arrogance!

For the LORD is a God who knows what you have done;
he will judge your actions.

⁴ The bow of the mighty is now broken,
and those who stumbled are now strong.

⁵ Those who were well fed are now starving,
and those who were starving are now full.

The childless woman now has seven children,
and the woman with many children wastes away.

⁶ The LORD gives both death and life;
he brings some down to the grave but raises others up.

⁷ The LORD makes some poor and others rich;
he brings some down and lifts others up.

⁸ He lifts the poor from the dust
and the needy from the garbage dump.

He sets them among princes,
placing them in seats of honor.

For all the earth is the LORD's,
and he has set the world in order.

⁹ "He will protect his faithful ones,
but the wicked will disappear in darkness.

No one will succeed by strength alone.

¹⁰ Those who fight against the LORD will be shattered.

He thunders against them from heaven;
the LORD judges throughout the earth.

He gives power to his king;
he increases the strength of his anointed one."

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.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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I MUST TELL JESUS

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.

*I must tell Jesus,
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I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus,
I must tell Jesus,
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,
He is a kind compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end. *[Refrain]*

Tempted and tried I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,
He all my cares and sorrows will share. *[Refrain]*

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CONCLUDING ASSURANCE (responsive)

Who does God use?

Ordinary and faithful people who trust in him.

What can God do through ordinary people?
More than we can ask or imagine.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, June 23	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, June 24	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, June 28	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	July 4: Red, White, and Boom July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26: Wednesday night Summer Lawn Concerts (6:30–8:00) August 4: National Night Out BBQ (6:00–7:30)

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 to Chuck (chuck@aberdeenpres.org).

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