

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 10 am

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another." (1 Peter 4:10)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *[Refrain]*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye. *[Refrain]*

"As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

HONORING AND THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We are gathered here by God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
the one God who, in three persons, overflows with life and love.

We are gathered here because the Father has had compassion on us:
before the world's foundation he loved us and chose us,
and now he draws us to himself as his beloved children.

We are gathered here to hear again Christ's words of life:
the Word made flesh, who has borne our sin and broken our death,
who now reigns and intercedes for us by name.

We are gathered here to find the refreshment the Spirit offers:
the Spirit who illumines the Word as it is opened,
and seals us to the day of redemption.

Come, let us worship our triune God.

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HYMN #138: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
 Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Holy, almighty, God,
 we know that we fail you more often than we realize.

We do not love as we should.
 We too often forget your excelling love.
 We do not love those around us as you command.
 We ignore those in need, assuring ourselves that we are too busy—
 and it isn't our problem.

Forgive us for not looking at the world as you look at it,
 thus failing to see you in it.

Forgive us for not loving the world as you love it,
 thus failing to love you.

Forgive us for not being seekers of justice and givers of mercy,
 thus turning away from you.
 Forgive us for forgetting you.

Holy, almighty, God,
 we know that we fail you more often than we realize.

We do not love as we should.
 In your mercy and grace, forgive us, Lord—
 and cleanse us that we might enjoy the fellowship of your friendship.

Amen.

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

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A CHRISTIAN'S DAILY PRAYER

As morning dawns and day awakes,
 To You I bring my need:
 O gracious God, my source of strength,
 In You I live and breathe.
 Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned,
 Each deed empowered by sovereign hands;
 Renew my spirit, help me stand;
 Be glorified today.

As day unfolds, I seek Your will
 In all of life's demands;
 And though the tempter tries me still,
 I cling to Your commands.
 Let every effort of my life
 Display the matchless worth of Christ,
 Make me a living sacrifice;
 Be glorified today.

As sun gives way to darkest night
 Your Spirit still is here.
 And though my strength fades like the light
 New mercies will appear.
 I rest in You; abide with me
 Until our trials and suffering
 Give way to final victory.
 Be glorified, today; be glorified, I pray.

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit Who Gifts and Empowers"

1 Corinthians 12:1–31

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. . . .

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is

the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. . . .

¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. . . . So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. ²⁸ Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles,
second are prophets,
third are teachers,
then those who do miracles,
those who have the gift of healing,
those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.

²⁹ Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? ³⁰ Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! ³¹ So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.

Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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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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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HYMN #422: GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

God, whose giving knows no ending,
 From Your rich and endless store,
 Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
 Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
 Gifted by You, we turn to You,
 Offering up ourselves in praise;
 Thankful song shall rise forever,
 Gracious donor of our days.

~~Skills~~ Gifts and time are ours for pressing
 Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 All at peace in health and freedom,
 Races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labor,
 Lest we strive for self alone;
 Born with talents, make us servants
 Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
 Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
 Ours to use for home and kindred,
 And to spread the gospel Word.
 Open wide our hands, in sharing,
 As we heed Christ's ageless call,
 Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
 Serving You by loving all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

- TODAY Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Sharing Table (before and after the service)
- Tuesday, June 2 Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
- Wednesday, June 3 Community Garden: Getting it Going—and Planting (9:00–11:00)
Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
- Sunday, June 7 Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor)
Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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