

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 10 am

"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.'" (Romans 8:15)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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BIND US TOGETHER

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken;
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God;
There is only one King;
There is only one body;
That is why we can sing. *[Refrain]*

Made for the glory of God;
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean;
For Jesus the vict'ry has won. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

All glorious God, we give you thanks:

in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.

You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.

You adopted us as your children in Christ.

You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.

Let's worship the Lord together;
Let's come to the Lord's Table with confession and praise.

Based on Ephesians 1:3–18.

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DAY BY DAY

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Slaves and Orphans to Children and Heirs: Adoption in the Bible"*

Galatians 3:26–4:7

You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

¹ Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ² They have to obey their

guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³ And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Romans 8:12–17

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.

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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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 #339: BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
 Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, August 4	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) National Night Out BBQ/Picnic (6:00–7:30 pm)
Wednesday, August 5	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Saturday, August 8	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, August 9	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) <i>NO Potluck!</i>
LOOKING AHEAD	August 12 and 26: Wednesday night Summer Lawn Concerts (6:30–8:00)

Our church supports the Aberdeen Food Bank—and they are very dependent on donations from congregations here in Grays Harbor. They especially appreciate peanut butter, pasta, pasta sides, and canned soups, beans, and vegetables. You can help by dropping your donation in the box in the office hallway. Thank you for your support!

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