

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 10 am

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—
fruit that will last." (John 15:16, NIV)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love;
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam:
God bless America, my home, sweet home. (x 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE,
PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, people of God,
and gather in the presence of the One who still speaks.

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Your statutes are trustworthy, and your promises give hope.

The unfolding of your words gives light;
it brings understanding to the simple.

The voice of the Lord is not silenced by the passing of time,
nor is God's truth reserved for the powerful or the wise.

The God who called shepherds, farmers, fishermen, and prophets
still reveals his will through his living Word.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may behold the wonders of your truth.
Incline our hearts to your testimonies, and teach us your ways.

Come, let us worship the God
who speaks, who calls, who guides,
and whose Word endures forever.

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BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice:

*Behold our God seated on His throne:
Come let us adore Him;
Behold our King nothing can compare:
Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *[Refrain]*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. *[Refrain]*

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Amos: The Shepherd-Prophet"*

Amos 1:1

This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. He received this message in visions two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam II, the son of Jehoash, was king of Israel.

Amos 7:10–17

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel: "Amos is hatching a plot against you right here on your very doorstep! What he is saying is intolerable. ¹¹ He is saying, 'Jeroboam will soon be killed, and the people of Israel will be sent away into exile.'"

¹² Then Amaziah sent orders to Amos: "Get out of here, you prophet! Go on back to the land of Judah, and earn your living by prophesying there! ¹³ Don't bother us with your prophecies here in Bethel. This is the king's sanctuary and the national place of worship!"

¹⁴ But Amos replied, "I'm not a professional prophet, and I was never trained to be one. I'm just a shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD called me away from my flock and told me, 'Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.' ¹⁶ Now then, listen to this message from the LORD:

"You say,

'Don't prophesy against Israel.
Stop preaching against my people.'

¹⁷ But this is what the LORD says:

Amos 5:18, 21–24

Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light. . . .

- "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
 your assemblies are a stench to me.
 22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them.
 Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
 I will have no regard for them.
 23 Away with the noise of your songs!
 I will not listen to the music of your harps.
 24 But let justice roll on like a river,
 righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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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HYMN #507: *I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD* (verses 1–4)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 Forgiven, loved, and free,
 In awe and wonder to recall
 His life laid down for me,
 His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
 To find, as all are fed,
 The new community of love
 In Christ's communion bread,
 In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
 Each proud division ends.
 The love that made us, makes us one,
 And strangers now are friends,
 And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,
 Is in such friendship better known:
 We see and praise Him here,
 We see and praise Him here.

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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HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN

Here is love vast as the ocean,
 Loving kindness as the flood;
 When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
 Shed for us His precious blood.
 Who His love will not remember?
 Who can cease to sing His praise?
 He will never be forgotten,
 Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
 Fountains opened deep and wide,
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy,
 Flowed a vast and gracious tide;
 Grace and love like mighty rivers
 Poured incessant from above,
 Heaven's peace and perfect justice
 Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all your love accepting,
 Love you ever, all my days;
 Let me seek your kingdom only
 And my life be to your praise;
 You alone will be my glory,
 Nothing in the world I see;
 You have cleansed and sanctified me,
 You have loved and set me free.

In your truth you will direct me
 By your Spirit, thru' your Word;
 And your grace my need is meeting,
 As I trust in you, my Lord.

All your fulness you are pouring
From your endless wells above,
Without measure, full and boundless
As I yield myself in love.

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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	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, July 7	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, July 8	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Lawn Concert: <i>Hinckle Hall Trio—banjo/piano ensemble</i> (6:30–8:00)
Saturday, July 11	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, July 12	Outdoor Sunday Worship (10:00 on front lawn) Potluck (after the service)
LOOKING AHEAD	July 22: Summer Lawn Concert: <i>Salmonberry Band</i> (6:30–8:00)
	August 4: National Night Out BBQ (6:00–7:30)
	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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