



# 1st Pres

DOWNTOWN FOR GOOD

June 19, 2022 • 10:00 AM



**W**e welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ. Mission, education and fellowship are essential to the life of First Presbyterian Church. However, worship is the core of who we are and what we do. During worship, we respond to the grace of God with thanksgiving, celebration, and the dedication of our lives.

- Through worship, we teach and we learn.
- Through worship, we experience life together.
- From worship, we serve.

If you are visiting, we want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

We thank you for your presence among us today. If you need any assistance, our deacons are wearing green name tags and can answer any questions you might have.

Grace & peace,

*Pastor Heather*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

BEACH SPRING is a familiar tune, most commonly associated with the hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (#716). It is an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist Church in Harris County, Georgia.

**Bold print indicates where the congregation speaks together.**

\*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our worship service. You may pick up a children's worship pack and bulletins at the entrances to the sanctuary.

We invite children to come to the front at this time for their own special message. At the conclusion of children's time, kids may return to the pews for the remainder of the service. Nursery is open throughout worship for children 5 & under.

## MAKING SPACE

*As we gather together, we slow down and settle our souls so that we might reconnect with an unhurried God.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Paula Meyer

### RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead.  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be...**

### OPENING PRAYER

Nourishing God, we come today hungry for company.

**Let us make room for You.**

Draw us in to this time of worship to sit down at the place you have prepared for us.

**Let us find room for You.**

Help us clear out the calendar of our lives to make room for others in it.

**Let us be room for You.**

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #41  
(vs. 1,2,5)

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*"Who do you need to connect with?"*

## TAKING NOTE

*We take note of what God is saying to us this day, through the children, through scripture, through the music and through the sermon*

### TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SCRIPTURE Shepherd Me, O God #473

SERMON Rev Heather Hayes

\*HYMN For Everyone Born #769

## TAKING CARE

*Having listened for God's Word to us, we take care to focus through our prayers and our offering on what is essential to a life lived with depth, our relationships with God and with others.*

# of Service

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Betsy Kutter

## CENTERING SONG

## BEACH SPRING

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*A Land Whose Name Is Peace*

Nassif

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts  
to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these  
offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and  
in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Here we commit to taking a bit of this serenity out into the busy world,  
acting as islands of peace and unhurried grace.*

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #837*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE

## BEACH SPRING

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart  
to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to  
spare.

### \*POSTLUDE

## Visiting Today?

We'd like to get to know you, so please fill out your name and contact information on the fellowship pads as they are passed among the pews during today's service. When the pad comes back to the end of the pew, you can remove the information sheet to be placed in the offering plate later.

The Offertory today: "*A Land Whose Name Is Peace*" by Cedar Rapids' own Robert Lindsay Nassif. This is from his musical *Elliot Ness* in Cleveland, for which Nassif received the 1997 Gilman & Gonzalez-Falla Theatre Foundation Award.

Need a quiet spot for you and your child during the service? We have the nursery open for those littles who might need space for quiet or room to wiggle. Located on the second floor in the Sunday School wing.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday June 19

#### Happy Father's Day!

9:00 Insight

10:00 am Sanctuary & Live- Stream  
Worship

11:00 Fellowship

2:00 S.E.M.P. Prep

4:00 S.E.M.P. Distribute Meals

### Monday June 20

5:30 pm Administrative Commission

6:30 pm Evening Book Group

### Wednesday June 22

6:00 pm FPXperience - Fishing

7:00 pm Adult Ed Meeting

### Saturday June 25

11:00 am Walking Together Event

### Sunday June 26

9:00 Insight

10:00 am Sanctuary & Live- Stream  
Worship

11:00 Fellowship

2:00 S.E.M.P. Prep

**3:00 pm Star Spangled Organ  
Concert**

4:00 S.E.M.P. Distribute Meals

### Leading In Worship

**Pastor** - Rev Heather Hayes

**Choir Director**- Fred Kiser

**Organist** - Ted Cronbaugh

**Special Music** - Laura Behrens

**Liturgist** - Paula Meyer

**Ushers** - Allen Armbrecht, Darlene Elbert, Carolyn Horton, Sylvia Popelka

Dear Church Family,

I can testify that service with fellow Christians has deepened, enriched, and strengthened my faith in Jesus Christ and God's transformative grace. This growth has come through relationships, through witnessing the work of God, and from the seeking of God that comes from such work. Many years ago, I had a mentor who said that people who have made sacrifices for a cause become more committed to the cause. I have also learned that people need a sense of purpose, and self-giving service in partnership with others almost always results in a sense of purpose. This is all to say joy and spiritual growth are two of the rewards of Christian volunteerism!

Currently, I have a list of opportunities for you to consider for volunteering at First Presbyterian! I encourage you to try something new or to commit where you are passionate. I am a person who supports people trying out a volunteer role for a short time, so that they can then decide if they want to volunteer more long-term or if they want to try something else. Here are the four areas where I am currently looking for volunteers:

**Vacation Bible School** – People who would be willing to share the Bible story, help with the opening skit, puppet show, or song, those interested in helping to serve food, and a science and/or art teacher. VBS will be taking place in the evenings Sunday, July 17th – Thursday, July 21st.

**SEMP Service Team** – A team of eight who are willing to serve this community meal on a Sunday afternoon. Volunteers needed starting Sunday, July 10th and all following Sundays.

**Seasonal Teams** – Anyone interested in planning and hosting events and activities either during our Homecoming Season (August and September) or Harvest Season (October and November).

**Shepherd** – This is a new ministry of the Care Commission. We are looking for people who want to be extra intentional about greeting visitors to church and helping them to connect with others. Two orientation opportunities will be provided: Sunday, July 31st following worship and Sunday, August 14th during worship.

I am hopeful that one of these four opportunities just jumped off the page before you! If so, or if one of them just got your curiosity or led to your thinking, "I can do that," please let me know!

I look forward to our continued service together as we share the love of God!

Sincerely, Your Director of Discipleship and Engagement,

Stasia Fine