

First Presbyterian Church

SUMMER SERIES



*Inspiration from In Defense of Kindness; Why it Matters,
How it Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World,*

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**Vision Statement of First Presbyterian
Church**

Strengthening families;
Sowing friendships;
Serving community;
In the name of Jesus Christ

PRELUDE *A New Name in Glory*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our lives are in the care of God.

God has given us abundance and hope.

This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. AMEN.

***HYMN Down in My Heart**

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy
down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart, (where?)
down in my heart, I have the joy,
Joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I have the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,

I have the love of Jesus in my heart.
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus

down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart to stay.
I have the peace that passeth understanding
down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I have the peace that passeth understanding
down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart to stay.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Pour out upon us, O God,
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,
that we may walk with Christ the way of the cross,
ready to offer even the gift of our lives
to show forth to the world our hope in your kingdom.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE 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. 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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

St. Francis Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury; pardon.

**Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to
console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our forgiveness is a gift of grace given to us by God.
Beloved community believe that peace is yours today.
Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
with out end. Amen, amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 4 “Hear, O
Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding
you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk
about them when you are at home and when you are away, when
you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your

hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Colossians 3:12-17 12 As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON **Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook**

HYMN #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* Tune: Lancashire

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

***OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

OFFERTORY *Offertory in D Major*

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN #733 *We are All in One Mission

1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

RESPONSE #539 *We Will Go Out With Joy*

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Wonderful Words of Life*

Serving Our Congregation Today
Preaching: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook
Worship Leader: Jess McDonagh
Music Director: Lorinda Ravo
Greeting: Michele Cameron & Bev Saunders

**The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are
for**

our friends:

Shirley Roe and Fred & Sandy Sentner



Bible Study is Back

In Defense of Kindness

Starting July 13th for six weeks

Wednesdays at 6:30 Conference Room

***If you wish to join in this journey please let Pastor Erin by
July 1st to order book***

SECOND SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

Second Sunday: Act 2! Our July 10 Second Sunday activity for kids, both from our church and their friends, will be an introduction to Martial Arts and Yoga, both taught by experienced teachers. The program meets from 11:30 am-1:30 pm in the Chapel and a light lunch will be served first. If you have a yoga mat that your child can use, we encourage you to bring it along with you!

There is no charge for the program, but we do need participants to pre-register by signing up on the clipboard in front of the church, or by calling the church office, or by using the link on the church website.

We hope you'll be part of the fun!

Board of Deacons,

Help us fill the pack and play, located by the piano in the front of the church, with diapers and wipes. We hope to fill the pack and play to the top by summer's end so that we can give them away at our Free Market in the fall.

College Age Student Ministry

The Board of Deacons has an outreach ministry to our college age students. We send them notes, cards, letters, etc. throughout the school year to let them know that they're being thought of by their church family. If you have a college age student in your family (child or grandchild) and would like to have them included please contact Lorinda at theravos@comcast.net with the following information: your student's name, year in school, address where we can send mail, and their birthday. Thanks!

FYI-INFORMATION

6/19/2022	In-Person Attendance	65
	Virtual Attendance	101
6/19/2022	Weekly Offering	\$3,128

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH June 27-July 2, 2022

Sunday	10:00am	Worship
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Church Office
Tuesday	6:30pm	Deacon's Mtg. Conf. Room

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel June 27-July 2, 2022

Sunday	4:00-9:00pm	Venture Crew
Monday	10:30-11:30am	AA Step by Step
	7:00-9:00pm	Jazz Band
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 158
	7:00pm	Girls Troop 143 BSA
Tuesday	7:30pm-9pm	NA Change or Die
Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	Stone Soup Symphony
Thursday	10:30-11:30am	AA New Beginnings
Friday	Storage use only	Colonial Musketeers



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