

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

June 14, 2026

11:00 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prior to the service, please greet your neighbor quietly, being respectful of those in prayerful meditation.

After the opening chimes and greeting, please quiet your hearts and voices in preparation for worship.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

This Is My Father's World

arr. Diane Bish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Smith

INTROIT

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Youth Alumni and Summer Choir

LOUEZ LE SEGNEUR, trad. Cameroon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Wesney

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

a great ruler over heaven and earth!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 396

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Silent prayer of confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

1 Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.
Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

ANTHEM

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Jody Lindh and Joe Cox

Youth Alumni and Summer Choir

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. See how we trifle here below; fond of our earthly toys; our souls how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys. In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we string to rise; hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. Come, Holy Spirit...

~Isaac Watts, 1707

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-46
(Pew Bible p. 759, 25)

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN 187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

SERMON *Serve Our Neighbors* Rev. Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Mark Schweizer
Summer Choir & Youth Alumni

***DOXOLOGY** Hymnal, p.606

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

***HYMN 761** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in Bb* David N. Johnson

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Elizabeth & John Gulley by Leanne Willis & Jim Caress.*  
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* Please stand, as able

Ushers: Mike Cook, Ed Henriques, Tricia Mendenhall, Patty Morris
Lemonade in the Shade: Patty Morris & Sharon Stover

Announcements

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! If today is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you find this time both meaningful and joyful. Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or you have

been a part of FPC your entire life, we invite you to fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew and pass it along to those worshipping on the pew with you. We are glad you are here!

Interested in joining the church? Whether you've been worshiping with us for a few weeks or for many years...if you would like to make a formal commitment to the worship, life, and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, simply contact David Smith at david@firstpreshp.org or 336-884-2248. We traditionally welcome new members on the last Sunday of every month.

Our Mission Study Was Approved by Presbytery! Long Range Planning produced a great mission study that was submitted to Salem Presbytery's Committee on Ministry Transitions Task Force. It was reviewed and approved with many positive comments. We can now take the next step, which is to elect our Pastor Nominating Committee! Officer Nominating has received your suggestions, and they are prayerfully inviting members to serve. Session will assist with this to be sure we have a diverse and representative body. Watch for the announcement of the nominees and the call of the congregational meeting where the congregation will elect our Pastor Nominating Committee.

Wee Kirk is on its annual summer break and will return in the Fall.

Lemonade in the Shade will return this summer! We have several dates still available **July 5, July 26, August 16 and August 23**. This is a fun and easy task, and a great way to meet your fellow worshipers! The lemonade is prepared in advance; just wheel the cart out to the covered driveway and serve! If you would like to serve one of the remaining weeks, contact Lisa in the church office at 336.884.2248 or amoffice@firstpreshp.org. To sign up or use this [link](#) to sign up online.

Experience worship from the 'lofty perspective' this summer! Come for Summer Choir! Just show up on Sundays at 10:15 and sing for the 11:00 am worship service. This is the perfect time to participate without the commitment of Wednesday rehearsals. A willing heart and voice are all you need! Contact Elizabeth Gulley to let her know your interest: elizabeth@firstpreshp.org or 336-884-2248 x 550.

Today we welcome FPC Youth Choir alumni as they join in leading music for the 11 am service.

Our **Youth and Advisors** leave on their **Mission Trip** today, **June 14**. They were commissioned at the

9:00 am worship service. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe, meaningful week in New Bern. They will return on Saturday, June 20.

Members of Memorial Handbells and Covenant Choir, both past and present, are invited to a Summer Choir Gathering & Potluck this evening beginning at 6 at the Caress/Willis home. Please see or contact Elizabeth Gulley to sign up if you have not already: elizabeth@firstpreshp.org.

Mission Trip Picture Show & Ice Cream Social! Come join your Mission Team on **June 18** at 6:30 pm in the FLC for a chance to see pictures and hear about the assistance the team provided on the Homestead of Yossi & Jennifer Bastek in Fairview, NC. We will also be hosting an ice cream "social" for your pleasure in the FLC.

The Church office will be closing at 1:00 pm on Thursday, **July 2** and will be closed on Friday, **July 3** in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Vacation Bible School 2026: Tuesday through Friday, **July 14 – 17**, 9:30 am until 12:00 noon. Registration is now open. You can sign up on Realm by using the QR code or call the Church office at 336.884.2248. Come join us in Rome to learn about Paul and the Underground Church!



A Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing will take place in our sanctuary on Sunday, **July 19** at 6:30 pm. A part of our Presbyterian heritage, this very special service focuses on offering up prayers for personal or corporate healing on a physical, emotional or spiritual level. If you have special concerns you would like to offer to God in prayer, please join us. More information can be found in the Presbygram.

Please welcome our summer choir intern section leader Lily Newcombe! Lily is a rising junior at Queens University majoring in Music Therapy. She is a High Point native and graduate of Penn-Griffin School for the Arts. This position is made possible by gifts to the Music Memorial Fund. Thank you!

Flower Calendar – The following dates are available on the calendar: July 5, 12, 19. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these dates, please contact Lynne Ledford at 336-803-2186.

School is no longer in session and some of those children will be home with little or possibly nothing to eat. **The backpack program** provides needed food and drink for hungry children and much of that comes from West End Ministries. Since our food donations go there, **our food drives this summer** will focus on the items that go into those backpacks: cereal, peanut butter and Ramen to put on the shelves for families and additional items specific for

the backpacks would be items such as Lance snack crackers, juice boxes, etc. Thank you for your support in our effort to help ease hunger in our community. The Missions Committee.

West End Ministries Food Drive for June! Let's celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary by providing 250 pounds of food for West End Ministries. You bring it, we'll weigh it!!!

Prayer Lists

The sympathy of the congregation is extended...

...to the family of Janis Lipscomb in her death on June 6, 2026.

Recovering at Home: Dottie Keever, Graham Leonard, Joy Luecke, Greg McAdam, William Newman

Continuing Prayer: Mary Dunn, Mark Griffey, William Griffey, Carol Harden, Paula Hunt, Kay Law, Karol Laws, Susan Martz, Juli Brockmann McDowell, Susan Osborne, Rob Perry, Kate Post, Betty Safrit, Janice Taylor, Sue Woodcock

Military: Staff Sergeant John Cooper (Marine Corps), Sergeant First Class Seth Hall (Army), Corporal Kristin Hamilton (Marine Corps), MMA/FN Brenner Tarolli (Navy)

Calendar

Sunday, June 14

Youth Mission Trip through Saturday, June 20

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:10 am New Officer Training (Session Room)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Discipleship Committee
- 6:00 pm Choir & Handbell Ringer Celebration

Monday, June 15

7:00 pm Administrative Committee

Wednesday, June 17

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, June 18

6:30 pm Missions Show & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:10 am New Officer Training (Session Room)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Property Committee
- 7:00 pm Session

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Our vision: *Cultivating disciples of Christ.*

Our mission statement: *Worship God. Love one another. Serve our neighbors.*