

Prayers of the People and 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 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings

*"Bourrée"*

Johann Krebs

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

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\*Benediction

Postlude

*"Allegro"*

Georg Telemann

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**SESSION**

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*

Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session*

**Class of 2026**

Rich Péwé (*Trustee*) and Kevin Portteus

**Class of 2027**

Tom Conner (*Trustee*) and Les Hutchinson

**Class of 2028**

Gregg Patten (*Trustee*) and Marsha Rollins

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**DEACONS**

**Class of 2026**

Patti Péwé, Faye Ross, Steve Ross (*Co-Moderator*), and Pam Steiner (*Treasurer*)

**Class of 2027**

Earla Carver, Linda Fogarty (*Moderator*), Doug French, and Nancy Veenstra (*Secretary*)

**Class of 2028**

Beverly Fall, Sue Hayes, Carol Ringenberg, and Sheryl Sanford

# The First Presbyterian Church



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**Sunday June 28, 2026**



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, June 28

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, June 29

## Tuesday, June 30

## Wednesday, July 1

## Thursday, July 2

## Friday, July 3

*Church office closed*

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

## Next Sunday, July 5

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
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# WELCOME

We are so thrilled to have you worshiping with us today. As we head into the Independence Day holiday, we take time to thank God for the incredible blessing of freedom we enjoy in this Nation. But more than that, we gather to celebrate the ultimate liberty made possible through Jesus Christ.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 72

**The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Earla Carver to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her departed husband, Curt Carver, who left us on June 25, 2024, and all other family members who have passed into eternal joy.**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress  
**CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Kevin Portteus  
**BUILDING CLOSER:** Bob Roberts **DEACON:** Linda Fogarty  
**USHERS:** Lauren Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Bev Fall and Our Nation  
**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Beverly Fall, Susan French, Kathy Keil, Anne Root, Michael Brown (*Irma's Nephew*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Daughter-in-law B.Kneen*), Linda & Tom Monnich (*Friends C.Ringenberg*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** SGT Ricardo Arellano (*US Arm—Grandson Janice & Steve Simons*), LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*National Guard--Grandson C.Dear*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children's Foundation, Love, Inc, and Samaritan's Purse; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny Garn, and Warren Schneider

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATE AMERICA!** On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate the most important milestone in our country's history—250 years of American Independence! This weekend, as we celebrate the liberty we enjoy as Americans, let's also celebrate the eternal liberty found in Jesus. May our lives reflect His love and our Nation reflect His truth. *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance."* Psalm 33:12

**DEACONS MEETING:** Deacons, please remember that there will be NO Deacons Meeting in July. The next scheduled Deacons meeting is Thursday, August 6 at 4:00 PM in the Anniversary Room.

**THE FLOWER CALENDAR** in the hall by the Parlor has many empty spots for anyone who would like to donate Communion table flowers for a Sunday service. We thank you for your kind contributions and appreciate your gift in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special event!

**GRAB A CUP AND STAY AWHILE!** The worship service may be over, but the Church family is still gathering! Join us in the Fellowship Hall right now for coffee, snacks, and great conversation. Let's take this time to catch up, encourage one another, and build our Church community. Everyone is welcome!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** There is **NO Men's Bible Study this Thursday, July 2.** We'll pick up our study again on Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room. These studies are open to all men and provide space for learning, discussion and encouragement. Join us as we grow together in faith and fellowship!

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** In observance of Independence Day, the Church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. Our office manager will also be on vacation the following week (July 6-10). If you experience an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Scott. Have a safe and blessed 4th of July!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School! We offer engaging, age-appropriate classes for all ages, from 9:40 to 10:20 AM. Come explore God's Word, enjoy fellowship, and grow in your faith journey.

# TRUE INDEPENDENCE



We praise the Lord for banners bright, and skies of summer blue,  
For all the brave and faithful souls who built our Nation true.  
Two hundred fifty years have passed beneath Your watchful eye,  
As we recall the sacred cause that rose in days gone by.

But higher than the earthly flag, and deeper than our pride,  
Is the eternal liberty where saints of God abide.

True independence comes to those who bow before the Son,  
Who leave the heavy chains of sin and find their victory won.

So, as we celebrate the land where we are blessed to live,  
We offer up our souls to Christ, the greatest gift to give.