



First Presbyterian Church
201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

July 26, 2026 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 336 *“We Gather Together”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts.
Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your
world to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that the mystery of your heavenly realm is made evident here on earth. Amen.

*Song of Preparation

"Lord, Prepare Me"

Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson *1 Kings 3:5-12*

Old Testament pg 306

New Testament Lesson *Romans 8:26-39*

New Testament pg 158

Psalter *Psalms 119:129-136*

Old Testament pg 569

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Special Music

Julie Lochbaum, Piano

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

New Testament pg 14

Message

"Sounds Heavenly!"

Dr. Chad Mohler

*Hymn 774 *"There Is Now a New Creation"*

We Respond in Faith

*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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Opportunities for Ministry

Special Music Opportunity - Just a few more Sunday's to sign up. Would you or a visiting relative like to share music with the Church this summer? Please see Becky or Mark to get signed up.

Clothes Closet Laundry Day - We are collecting quarters for the Clothes Closet's Laundry Day. Ten dollars will sponsor one family for a month. Quarters may be brought to the church or dropped in the offering plate. If you are interested in helping from 1:00-3:00 at Scrubby Duds the third Saturday of the month, please let Becky or Brenda Martin know and we will get you signed up.

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday school will be on a break from July 26 - September 6 and will resume September 13th.

Annual Church Service at the Point - Get it on your calendars now, the annual church service at the point will be August 30th at Thousand Hills State Park Point Shelter.

Offering

*Doxology

Hymn 606

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

*Hymn 541 *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

Hymn 70

Postlude

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 26, 2026 -Dr. Chad Mohler

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

Sunday, August 2, 2026 -Dr. Paul Yoder

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open to Public

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

Attendance July 19, 2026

In person - 32

Online - 3

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

August Food of the Month for PAC

Pasta

Fellowship Time

Today - Deacons

Next Sunday - First Feast

We Gather Together

336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a half note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff continues with harmonic support, ending with a double bar line.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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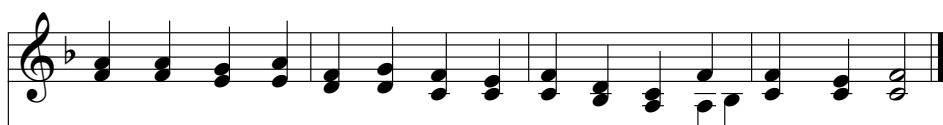
SANCTUARY

Irregular

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of music concludes the chorus. The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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.

**Or "God"*

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B $\flat$ F Gm Dm

*1.
 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
 Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
 To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm F B $\flat$

Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.