

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5th Sunday After Pentecost/Holy Communion
Special Independence Day Service
July 2, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Solemn Procession" L. Webber

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

*PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

*NATIONAL ANTHEM HYMN No. 576 (Red Hymnal)

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

*PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands; one holy, catholic church, uniting all humankind in service and love."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made,
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All: Amen

*HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" No. 571
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Minister: You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)
"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 HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON RESPONSIVELY READ Psalm 33

*HYMN "Battle Hymn of the Republic" No. 569
(Red Hymnal)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON God and Country Dr. Don McGarity

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 575 (Red Hymnal)
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"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."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your

glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN**

"America, the Beautiful"

No. 572
(Red Hymnal)

***BENEDICTION**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"God Bless America"

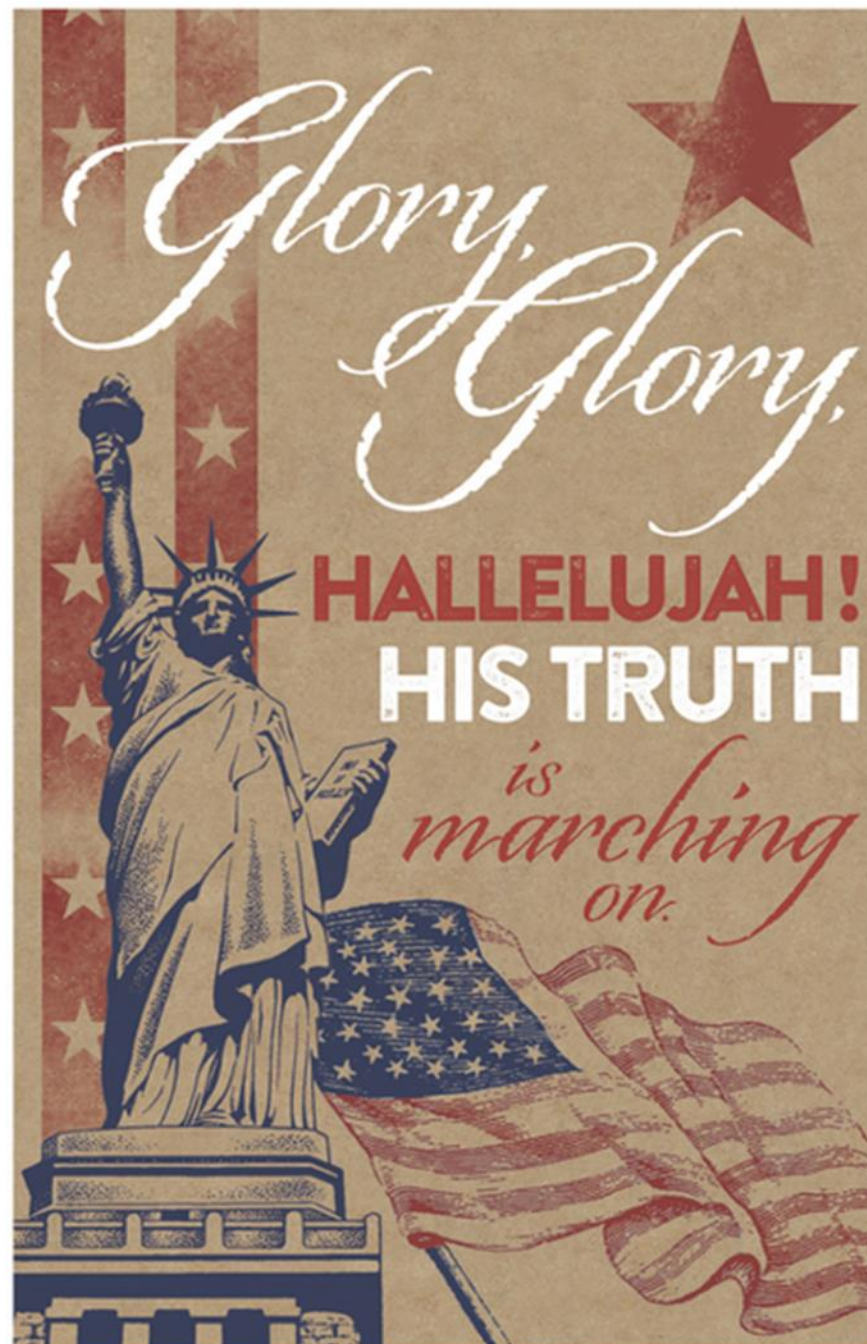
"God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her, and guide her. Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam God bless America, My home sweet home God bless America, My home sweet home."

***POSTLUDE**

"Water Music"

G.F. Handel



***Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Margaret Poppell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

THE 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

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregational Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Marne Helberg, Rachel Poppell

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper

Notes & Announcements

- **Communion Servers** for July 2nd: Martha Davis, Joey Ratliff, Cindy Brown, Alex Lutz
- Dr. McGarity will train Elders to serve **Communion to homebound**, today, July 9th after Worship.
- **Church Office** closed July 4th
- **Ushers** for July 9th: Steve Brown, Nancy Bell, Cindy Brown
- **Liturgist** for July 9th: Jeanne Hilgendorf
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org



Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. The committee consists of Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas and Shona Whiddon. We know God has a pastor for us and we pray He reveals this person to the PNC quickly.