



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

PRELUDE

Aurelia

SungKun Jung, organ

Music by Samuel S. Wesley; Arranged by Gordon Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.

People: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.

Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

People: With humble hearts, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.

Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

People: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.

Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

Unison: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Let us worship the living and loving God!

***HYMN #620**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Glory to God

Words by Henry Francis Lyte, 1934; Music by John Goss, 1869

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Emily Bridges

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We like to claim being open-minded and fair, yet how quickly we interrupt and take sides before we have even heard both sides of an argument or issue. We have at times been self-righteous in our attitudes, close-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have at times shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have distanced ourselves from those who do not endorse our convictions. We pride ourselves on our church attendance and yet often fail to be the church in our daily lives.

Forgive our sins of discord and deceit and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be less quick in making judgments about others and help us to be more Christ-like in understanding others so that we can live in more peaceful unity. ... *Silent Confession* ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #447

We Are Forgiven

Glory to God

Words: Traditional; Music by Hal H. Hopson

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SONG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Traditional Caribbean Song

Glory to God

**Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

ANTHEM

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Chancel Choir

Words from *Katholiches gesangbuch*; Music by James Barnby
Arrangement by Molly Ijames

SungKun Jung piano

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, "May Jesus Christ be praised;"
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet song they hear, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Be this while life is mine my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised. Be praised!
Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long. May Jesus Christ be praised! Be Praised!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

SERMON

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

Rev. Stewart Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Trusting Heart to Jesus Clings
Music by William J. Kirkpatrick Arranged by SH. Y

SungKun Jung, organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

*RESPONSE #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Words by Brian Wren, 1989; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

Glory to God

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda McDonald

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stewart Smith

*HYMN #754

Help Us Accept Each Other
Words by Fred Kaan, 1973; Music by Doreen Potter, 1974

Glory to God

**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.
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.
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.
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!**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Stewart Smith

PARTICIPANTS

Guest Musical Conductor – Katie Jackson

Interim Senior Pastor – Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

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Organist/Choral Accompanist – SungKun Jung

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Childcare Coordinator – Minah Smith

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