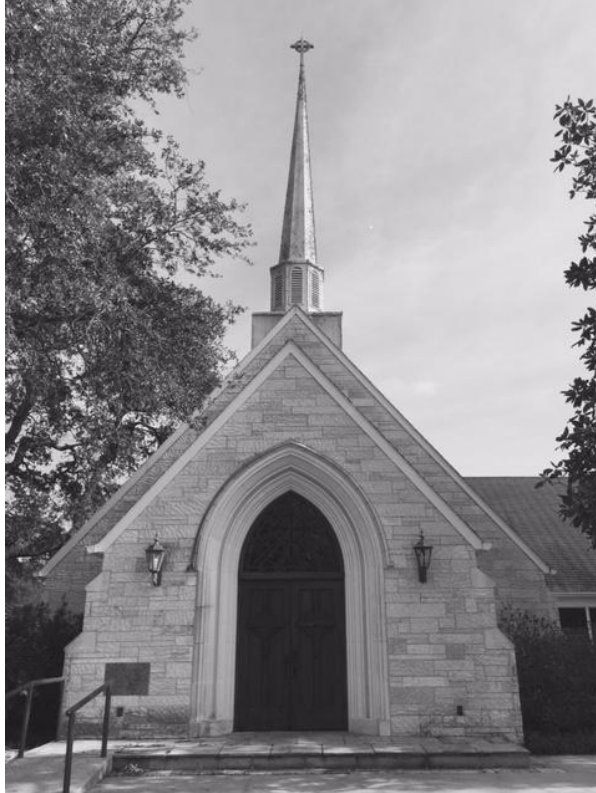




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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 2026 11:00 am 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Dining with Jesus week 7

All Are Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me* arr. Marianne Kim, 2026

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

All: Call us into Your way of life, O God

One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

All: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

One: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

All: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

One: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God

All: Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship You together.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #720 *Jesus Call Us

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

O God who travels with us, you know who we are. We long for life that is full and free. We long to know the truth, and we want to leave behind all the things that hold us back. We want to move forward in faith, but the way often seems fraught with problems and dangers. We stand in helpless fear before the complexities of our past and the hiddenness of our future. Stand beside us, gentle Christ. Walk before us, brave Jesus. Call us into life, Holy Spirit. Amen.

He Leadeth Me – Joseph H. Gilmore wrote the text for this hymn in 1862 after preaching on Psalm 23, and William Bradbury later paired it with his gentle, rocking tune HE LEADETH ME. Marianne Kim's 2026 organ arrangement brings a fresh harmonic palette to this familiar hymn, highlighting its quiet confidence in God's guidance. Her writing often blends classical clarity with gospel warmth, and you can hear that signature touch in the way the prelude moves with both assurance and tenderness.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

New International Version

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Calls Us – A hymn born from the shoreline scenes of the Gospels, it reminds us that Christ's call is rarely abstract – it comes in the middle of ordinary work and familiar rhythms. The tune GALILEE carries that summons with a steady, walking cadence, like footsteps on wet sand.

ANTHEM

Will You Come and Follow Me arr. C. E. Walz, 2020

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

New International Version

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.

It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Will You Come and Follow Me – The tune

KELVINGROVE is a traditional Scottish melody, named for a district in Glasgow known for its museum, park, and riverside paths – fitting for a hymn about journeying with Christ. Today's arrangement draws out the tune's lilting, folk-like character while giving the piano room to explore moments of introspection. The piece becomes a musical echo of the hymn's central question, inviting listeners to consider how Christ's call continues to shape their steps. (see #726 in *GtG*)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian – A spiritual rooted in yearning and transformation, it gives voice to the slow, honest work of becoming more Christlike. The tune's simplicity keeps the prayer close to the heart, where change begins.

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”
He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”
The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

One: God always blesses the reading
and hearing of Holy Scripture.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #721 *Lord, You have Come to the
Lakeshore*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Ron Mallory

*THE DOXOLOGY

**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.**

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. Help us to reach out to others as you, our God, has reached out to us. Amen.

*Lord, You Have
Come to the
Lakeshore –
Written in Spanish
and loved
worldwide, this
hymn imagines
Jesus meeting us
with gentle
persistence rather
than command. Its
tender melody
reflects the quiet
dignity of being
seen, chosen, and
sent – not for our
skill, but for our
willingness.*

*Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah,
composed by
Welsh musician
John Hughes in
1907, is named for
the Rhondda
Valley – a region
known for coal
mining and strong
choral traditions.
Ron Mallory’s
2019 piano
arrangement
captures both the
bold strength and
the sturdy faith
embedded in the
tune, while adding
gentle contrasts
that open space for
reflection. Its
rhythmic drive and
bright harmonies
make the offertory
feel like a prayer
in motion, trusting
God’s provision
with every step.
(see #65 in *GtG*)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

All: Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He came to announce the good news of God's kingdom to the poor and release to the captives, to teach by word and deed and to bless the children, to heal the sick and bind up the brokenhearted, to eat with outcasts and sinners, and to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.

One: What does Christ call us to do?

All: Christ calls us to be his servants in the world: to share bread with the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the forgotten, and live as people of grace and reconciliation.

One: What is our hope?

All: Our hope is in God's kingdom, where all are gathered at the heavenly banquet and death and sorrow are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.

Blessed God, we ask your care for those who are victims of wars and insurrections, may they not be terrified; for Nations rising against nations, let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope.

Let us pray.

Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.

Blessed God, grant your healing grace to the victims of great earthquakes, famines and plagues; let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope.

Let us pray.

Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.

Blessed God, when we are weary, help us to do what is right. Do not let us be led astray, help us to come, in Your name, praising Your goodness. Let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope.

Let us pray.

Come, We That Love the Lord – Robert Lowry, a prolific 19th-century hymn writer, composed both the text and the spirited tune **MARCHING TO ZION** in 1867. The tune's name reflects its purposeful, forward-moving character – a musical picture of the faithful walking together toward God's promised joy. As a postlude, its jubilant energy sends the congregation out with uplifted hearts, carrying the service's theme of calling and discipleship into the week ahead.

Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.

Blessed God, we thank you for all the blessings of this life. For the gift of life. For the gift of Christ, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for your tender mercy. For Your saving love. Let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope. Amen.

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Come, We That Love the Lord* Robert Lowry, 1867

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS: I love my congregation! Placed today by Ester Latapie.

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, July 20 6:15 p.m. – Session Meeting
Sunday, July 26 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Prayer List

Ester Bender	Colby Hauser	Scott Mollner	Avely Miller
Suzanne Hauser	John Minkert	Gerald Grogan	Willie Bender
Carole Halamicek	Betty Harfst		

Clay & Taylor Fuechec Kresta and their newborn son Colter. Colter was born at 37 weeks and is in TEXAS children’s.

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