



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Trinity Sunday

June 15th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as he and the Father are one. Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In harmony, let us glorify God—Father, Son, and Spirit.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!  
You reveal your majesty in the heavens above.

**2 From the mouths of children and nursing babies you have ordained praise on account of your adversaries, so that you might put an end to the vindictive enemy.**

3 When I look up at the heavens, which your fingers made, and see the moon and the stars, which you set in place,

**4 Of what importance is the human race, that you should notice them?**

**Of what importance is mankind, that you should pay attention to them?**

5 You made them a little less than the heavenly beings. You crowned mankind with honor and majesty.

**6 you appoint them to rule over your creation; you have placed everything under their authority,**

7 including all the sheep and cattle, as well as the wild animals,

**8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that moves through the currents of the seas.**

9 O LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!

#### OPENING PRAYER

Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **HYMN PH #101 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Let us confess our sins together to the God who made us, loves us and is with us. Let us pray...

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**—based on Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, you have spoken to us your divine and saving words. Illumine the souls of us sinners to comprehend what has been read, that we do not become simply hearers of your spiritual words, but doers of good deeds, true pursuers of faith, having a blameless life and a conduct without reproach in Christ, our Lord, with whom you are blessed and glorified, together with your all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? **2** At the top of the prominent places along the way, at the intersection of the paths she has taken her stand; **3** beside the gates opening into the city, at the entrance of the doorways she cries out: **4** “To you, O people, I call out, and my voice calls to all mankind.

**22** The LORD created me as the beginning of his works, before his deeds of long ago.

**23** From eternity I have been fashioned, from the beginning, from before the world existed.

24 When there were no deep oceans I was born, when there were no springs  
 overflowing with water;  
 25 before the mountains were set in place - before the hills - I was born,  
 26 before he made the earth and its fields, or the topsoil of the world.  
 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he marked out the horizon over  
 the face of the deep,  
 28 when he established the clouds above, when he secured the fountains of the deep,  
 29 when he gave the sea his decree that the waters should not pass over his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
 30 then I was beside him as a master craftsman, and I was his delight day by day,  
 rejoicing before him at all times,  
 31 rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and delighting in its people.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“By Faith”

Presby 4: George Hamline, Brian Lewis, Sharon Goeman, Nancy Casteel

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 13:16-47

16 So Paul stood up, gestured with his hand and said, “Men of Israel, and you Gentiles  
 who fear God, listen: 17 The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the  
 people great during their stay as foreigners in the country of Egypt, and with uplifted arm  
 he led them out of it. 18 For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the  
 wilderness. 19 After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave his  
 people their land as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. After this he gave  
 them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God  
 gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. 22  
 After removing him, God raised up David their king. He testified about him: ‘I have  
 found David the son of Jesse to be a man after my heart, who will accomplish everything  
 I want him to do.’ 23 From the descendants of this man God brought to Israel a Savior,  
 Jesus, just as he promised. 24 Before Jesus arrived, John had proclaimed a baptism for  
 repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 But while John was completing his mission, he  
 said repeatedly, ‘What do you think I am? I am not he. But look, one is coming after me. I  
 am not worthy to untie the sandals on his feet!’ 26 Brothers, descendants of Abraham’s  
 family, and those Gentiles among you who fear God, the message of this salvation has  
 been sent to us. 27 For the people who live in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize  
 him, and they fulfilled the sayings of the prophets that are read every Sabbath by  
 condemning him. 28 Though they found no basis for a death sentence, they asked Pilate  
 to have him executed. 29 When they had accomplished everything that was written about  
 him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. 30 But God raised  
 him from the dead, 31 and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him  
 from Galilee to Jerusalem. These are now his witnesses to the people. 32 And we  
 proclaim to you the good news about the promise to our ancestors, 33 that this promise

God has fulfilled to us, their children, by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second psalm, ‘You are my Son; today I have fathered you.’ 34 But regarding the fact that he has raised Jesus from the dead, never again to be in a state of decay, God has spoken in this way: ‘I will give you the holy and trustworthy promises made to David.’ 35 Therefore he also says in another psalm, ‘You will not permit your Holy One to experience decay.’ 36 For David, after he had served God’s purpose in his own generation, died, was buried with his ancestors, and experienced decay, 37 but the one whom God raised up did not experience decay. 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brothers, that through this one forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and by this one everyone who believes is justified from everything from which the law of Moses could not justify you. 40 Watch out, then, that what is spoken about by the prophets does not happen to you: 41 ‘Look, you scoffers; be amazed and perish! For I am doing a work in your days, a work you would never believe, even if someone tells you.’”

42 As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people were urging them to speak about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 When the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who were speaking with them and were persuading them to continue in the grace of God.

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city assembled together to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and they began to contradict what Paul was saying by reviling him. 46 Both Paul and Barnabas replied courageously, “It was necessary to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have appointed you to be a light for the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

**SERMON** Paul Preaching About Jesus

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Do you remember who first told you about Jesus? Were they a good example or follower of Jesus?

**HYMN PH #353** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

## BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**OFFERING**

*(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)*

*Will the Ushers Please come forward.*

**OFFERTORY****DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****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.*

**TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN**

**HYMN PH #12** "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

**CHARGE**

May God, the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** "The Lord Bless You And Keep You"

Presby 4

Peace be with you!...and also with you!