



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.

4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 21st, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps 86

¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

**You are my God; ³be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.**

⁴Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.

**⁷In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.**

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**⁹All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and loving God, you have given us eyes to see the light that fills this room; give us the inward vision to behold you in this place. You have made us feel the morning wind upon our limbs; help us to sense your presence as we bow in worship of you. Amen.

NEW SONG Perfectly ~ Michael Tyler [Video]

CALL TO CONFESSION Lord Make Me an instrument of Peace

Chorus

**Lord make me An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (2X)**

Verse 1

**Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life**

Chorus

Verse 2

**Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where there is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain**

Chorus

A-men A-men

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON New Every Morning

**You are not what you have done
Or what has been done to you
You are something like the rising sun
Can't you see you are new**

[Verse 2]

**You might have your father's name
Bear the shame he left behind
But there's new life flowing
through your veins
Leave some room to be surprised**

[Chorus]

**You are new every morning
You are new every morning
Each day a resurrection
waiting to break through**

[Verse 3]

**You could try just for a start
Put the judge back on the shelf
All the loving kindness in your heart
Have a little for yourself**

[Chorus]

**'Cause you are new every morning
You are new every morning
Each day a resurrection
waiting to break through**

[Bridge]

**You think hope is lost
but it's just underground
The flame might be an ember but the
fire won't go out
All the evidence is pointing to the truth
That daily resurrection is
still happening to you**

[Chorus]

**You are new every morning
You are new every morning
Each day a resurrection
waiting to break through**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 4:43-54

⁴³ When the two days were over, he went from that place to Galilee ⁴⁴ (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country). ⁴⁵ When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they, too, had gone to the festival.

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SERMON Jesus Heals the Royal Official's Son Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever been challenged in your faith like Jesus challenged the royal official?

Do you think you could have gone home in faith like the royal official did?

Why or why not?

What might make your faith stronger?

HYMN PH #796 "We Come To You for Healing Lord"

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Psalm 24 says, 'The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.' Therefore we do not give of ourselves, but we return the gifts that the True Giver has already given to us. Let us honor our Creator by our gifts.

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

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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.

HYMN PH #65 "Guide Me O Great Jehovah"

CHARGE

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Be sure to visit the sign-up table before you leave on Sunday mornings! There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for people willing to help run the technology parts of our weekly worship service. We need people to run the slides, operate the audio system, and help with the online streaming. Training is available, all that is required is a willingness to serve. Please contact Kelly Sunman-Davis or Pastor Robbie and we will schedule training.

Tuesday Knitting Group

Weekly at 1pm in the church library. Come join us for a cozy and creative time at our Tuesday Knitting Group! Whether you're an experienced knitter or just getting started, all are welcome. Bring your current project—or simply come to learn, share ideas, and enjoy friendly conversation together. It's a wonderful way to relax, connect, and create something meaningful. We'd love to have you join us!


Father's Day Pie Fellowship

Join us as we celebrate **Father's Day** with **Pie Day** on **Sunday, June 21st!** After worship, we will enjoy a sweet time of fellowship while sharing a variety of delicious pies. for a **sign-up in fellowship hall**. Come help us celebrate the fathers and father figures in our church family with good food and great fellowship!

FFPC CHURCH PICNIC

Good food. Great fellowship. Wonderful friends.


Join us for an afternoon of laughter, conversation, and community as we gather for our annual church picnic!

 **Sunday, June 28**

 **12:00 PM (following worship)**

 **Home of Marilee Smiley**

Whether you're a longtime member, a friend of the church, or new to our community, we'd love for you to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, build connections, and enjoy time together outside the church walls.

 Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we can plan for everyone attending. We can't wait to share this special day with you!

First Presbyterian Saturday Grounds Beautifying Work Group


Volunteers are needed to help keep our flower gardens clean, attractive, and weed-free.

When: 3rd Saturday of each month, May–September **Time:** 9:00 AM

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at **810-629-7801**, or see **Deb Bard** or **Mary Zimpler** for more information.

FFPC Book Binders Book Group

“Get lost in a good book...and find great friends along the way!”

Join us on the **second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM** as we gather to discuss a new book and enjoy great conversation with fellow book lovers! Expect thoughtful discussion, a few laughs, and plenty of book-loving fun. New friends are always welcome—we'd love to have you join us! Contact Mary Zimpler for more information. Happy Reading! 

Duffle Bags for Foster Children Fundraiser

From now through June 30, Fenton First Presbyterian Church will be accepting donations to help purchase duffle bags for local foster children. Each bag costs \$35 and includes the bag, contents, and shipping.



The duffle bags will be decorated together during a special coffee hour in July before being donated to children in foster care.

Donations may be given directly to the church office, to Donna Anderson, or online using the QR code. When donating online, please enter your amount under *Local and World Mission* and include "For duffle bags" in the Notes section.

Thank you for helping provide comfort, dignity, and encouragement to children in need within our community.

Flowers for Worship

We have recently learned that we can no longer order flower bouquets from Gerych's, as they have discontinued that service. We greatly value having fresh flowers on the communion table each Sunday and would like to continue this meaningful tradition. If you would like to provide flowers for worship, we invite you to bring flowers from your garden or purchase a bouquet from a grocery store or florist of your choice. If you plan to provide flowers, please contact Heidi Roberts in advance. This helps us:

- Acknowledge your contribution in the bulletin
- Coordinate flower donations so that multiple arrangements are not scheduled for the same Sunday

Thank you for helping us beautify our worship space and enhance our Sunday services.