



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.

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 80

¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³ **You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to my servant David:**

⁴ ‘I will establish your descendants forever
and build your throne for all generations.’ ”

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶ **they exult in your name all day long
and extol your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸ **For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

OPENING PRAYER

You, O Lord, are our shield and our sure defence. You have rescued us in the past, give us the courage to believe that you will rescue us in the future. Grant that as we worship you today we might feel your dear presence and know, beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are here, with us, now. Amen.

HYMN PH #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Beautiful are the words spoken to me
Beautiful is the one who is speaking
Come in close, come in close and speak
Come in close, come closer to me**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

How many times, Lord, how many times, have we wandered off to a far country because we have failed to rest our eyes on You? We are distracted and misguided and we wander out of your fold and find ourselves isolated and confused. Forgive us and draw near to us and heal our hearts so that we might welcome your presence and be able to welcome each other. Speak to us words of healing, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**The power of Your words
Are filled with grace and mercy
Let them fall on my ears and break my stony heart
Come in close, come in close and speak
Come in close, come closer to me**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father, our Father in heaven, compel us all simply to take you at your Word. Touch us with the Holy Spirit, we pray, and do not let us get away from your Word without being caught by its promises and powerful joy. We pray this for our sake, Father, and for those whom we love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:8-11

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wade in the Water”

Morris Fulcher and Robbie Carnes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 5:1-18

5 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. **3** In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. **5** One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” **7** The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” **8** Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. **10** So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” **11** But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” **12** They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’” **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. **14** Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **16** Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. **17** But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” **18** For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

TABLETALK WITH GOD’S CHILDREN**SERMON** Jesus Heals the Man at the Pool of Bethesda

Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

What did the man need to do to be healed? Do you think he thought he was capable of doing what was asked of him? Has Jesus ever ask you to do something for your own good that you did think you were capable of?

HYMN PH #72 “Surely it is God Who Saves Me”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

No one gives oneself freely and willingly to God’s service unless, having tasted the Father’s love, that one is drawn in love and worships God in return. Let us make our offerings as an act of worship to the Living God.

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

Let us pray, God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves—and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us welcome Deb as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

HYMN PH #610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CHARGE —1 Timothy 1:17, NIV

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. 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.

Summer Group Study

Looking for a meaningful way to connect, grow in faith, and build relationships this summer? Join us for a 5-week group study of *The Expectation Gap* by Steve Cuss. Together we'll explore the expectations we place on ourselves, others, and God, and discover how God's grace can help us navigate disappointment, anxiety, and the pressures of everyday life.

When: Tuesdays at 11:00 AM

Dates: June 30 – July 28, 2026

Study: *The Expectation Gap* by Steve Cuss

Whether you are a longtime member, new to the church, or simply curious about joining a study group, you are welcome. Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you as we learn, share, and grow together. We hope you'll be part of this encouraging time of conversation, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

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!

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! Today after worship at the home of Marilee Smiley!

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 Zimble 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

Help Us Tell Our Story!

Do you have photos from worship, fellowship events, mission projects, youth activities, picnics, or other church gatherings? We're collecting photos that capture the life and ministry of Fenton First Presbyterian Church. Your photos may be featured on our website, social media, newsletters, and other church publications. Need assistance? Bring your phone, tablet, or USB device to the church office and we'll be happy to help. Thank you for helping us preserve and share the story of our church family! Scan the QR code to upload your photos.

