

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 16, 2026 – 11:00 am

* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

Prelude: November Sky (Adrienne Foster Potter)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God created the heavens and the earth, and everything within them. God calls us to build our lives—

People: to mend what is broken, strengthen what is weak, and keep growing in faith.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith—

People: to listen for God's Word, wrestle with its meaning, and allow it to shape our lives.

Leader: God calls us to build our community—

People: to tear down walls, build bridges of understanding, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: God has given us a foundation and invites us to build.

People: So let us worship the God who creates, restores, and makes all things new.

***Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #11**

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father #813**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:11-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

"What If We Rebuilt?"

Rev. Diane Flynn

Seeing God's Future Beyond the Ruins

***Hymn We Gather Together #790**

Affirmation of Faith:

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gracious God,

People: fill us with the power of your Spirit.

Offering

***Hymn Doxology #815**

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.

***Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #403**

Benediction

Postlude How Firm a Foundation

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, August 16

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Choir Practice after Worship

SUNDAY, August 23

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Choir Practice after Worship



Invitation to Worship at Woodside on August 30th

We have been invited to worship with our neighbors at Woodside Pres. Church on Sunday, August 30th at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Flynn will be leading the service while Pastor Jeff Gill is out of town. There will be **no worship service at FPC that day**, and the church building will be closed. We hope you will join us for a special time of worship and fellowship with our neighbors!

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify Jesus. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. - Romans 15:5-7



For August, our Operation Christmas Child team is collecting school supplies and small toys to bless children around the world. We are currently in need of larger pencil sharpeners, crayons, rulers, notepads, coloring books, rounded-edge scissors, colored markers, jump ropes, small shoe box-sized dolls, and other fun summer toys. Your gifts can help share God's love and bring joy to a child who may have never received a gift. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." —Matthew 19:14

Serving This Sunday, 8/16

Liturgist: Gaye Gibson

Serving Next Sunday, 8/23

Liturgist: Ed Jobes

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“What If We Rebuilt?” Seeing God’s Future Beyond the Ruins

Rev. Diane C. Flynn

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11:00 a.m.

65 N. Third St.

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Katherine Stuart, Pianist
Chris Rainey, Worship Elder