

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026 – 11:00 am

* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

Prelude: **Reverie by Debussy**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

People: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever!

***Hymn** **Blessed be the Name (vs. 1, 2, & 4)** **#52**

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be praised. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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.

Anthem **Faith of Our Fathers** **Choir**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 138

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

"God Is Not Finished Yet"

Rev. Diane Flynn

Finding Gratitude and Hope Amid Trouble

***Hymn** **Into My Heart (sing 2x)** **#485**

Affirmation of Faith:

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Hymn** **Doxology** **#815**

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen

***Hymn** **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing** **#237**

Benediction

Postlude **How Great Thou Art**

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, August 23

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

SUNDAY, August 30

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Woodside
NO services at FPC



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, 8/23
Liturgist: Ed Jobes

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“God Is Not Finished Yet”

Finding Gratitude and Hope Amid Trouble

Rev. Diane C. Flynn
August 23, 2026
11:00 a.m.
65 N. Third St.
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Katherine Stuart, Pianist
Chris Rainey, Worship Elder