



July 7, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Unison) Exodus 15:1, 2a, 11
I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" Let us worship God.

*** HYMN #564 (Blue hymnal)** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison
Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that makes it difficult for others to forgive us. We have failed to love others as You love us. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
THE MORNING PRAYERS

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-4, 13-19
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:43-48
THE SERMON: Rev. Dr. Hugh Ward
"Holiness Is Our Only Option!"

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

***COMMUNION HYMN #333 (Blue)** *Seek Ye First*

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ as a celebration of remembrance and spiritual renewal. Every time we share the bread and the cup, we are to remember the gift of salvation that has come to us through Jesus' atoning death and resurrection. All are invited to participate in a spirit of repentance and confession. Even Baptized children may participate, provided parents explain the meaning following Worship. Please hold the elements, that we may all partake together as the Body of Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING -THE 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.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #525 (Blue hymnal)

Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever more." Amen.

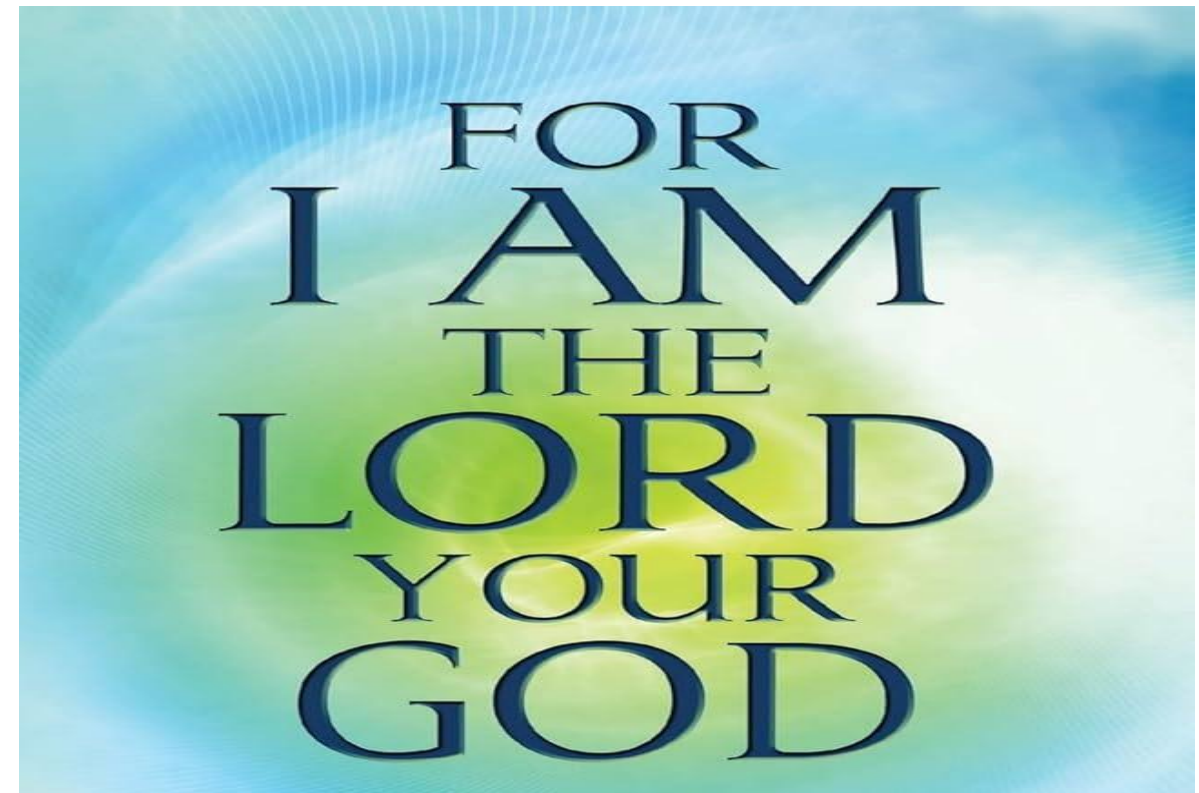
POSTLUDE - () *We stand as we are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"*
2. *#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we're here – to share the Real Jesus.*
3. *We're on a mission for God. Plan to join by Profession of Faith in Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Letter and help us make a difference for Christ in Tifton.*
4. *Copies of the July calendar have been placed on the table in the back of the church.*
5. *Our next fellowship luncheon will be on Sunday, July 21st at noon.*
6. *Spread the word that our worship services are on "Facebook Live" and "Instagram" every Sunday.*
7. *Invite, Invite, Invite. Your invitation may change a life for Christ. We are creating a "Culture of Invitation" here at First Pres through the following "Commitments for Christ", which are easy ways for you to invite others:*
 - #3 – *Heartwarming worship stories.*
 - #7 – *Service jobs and ways to make a difference in the Church.*
 - #10 – *The movie "Jesus Revolution."*
 - #12 – *A new Chancel Choir.*

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Exodus 15:11



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