

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us. May we greet one another as your precious children. Help us offer such hospitality that even the most skeptical among us will be touched by love. You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and doubt. Beyond all our clamor for things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God.

All: We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love's embrace deep within.

One: The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead leads us into new life.

All: We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope.

*OPENING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #485

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We have gathered to find comfort from the cares of life which sap our energy and depress our spirits. We have come seeking deeper roots for our faith and the ability to survive and thrive amid life's thorny pathways. We open all the hidden places of our lives to the light of God's grace, that we might be cleansed, healed, and set free from anguish. Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON "Hear the Good News of Salvation"
(verse 1) #355

Singing: Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, before this world's days even began, you Word was in the beginning, and it was with you and it was you. The mystery of that brings us to our knees. Yet today you allow us to open your Word and know you better. So we ask that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Give us hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 25: 19-34 p. 21

ANTHEM "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Choir

SECOND READING Galatians 6: 7-16 p. 191

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 p. 13

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Life in the Spirit" David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Come Down, O Love Divine" #313

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY "The Goodness of God"

Singing: All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*OFFERING RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

Singing: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along with our tithes and contributions toward our church's mission. You have given us life. You have made us partners with your Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive your love and grace and share it with others. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our 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.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name

*CLOSING HYMN "Spirit Song" Lt. Blue Songbook #13

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** “Freely, Freely”
Lt. Blue Songbook #136

Singing: Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Jane Arends, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Please check out our website <https://www.conradfirstpres.org> to find our list of current Session Elders and active Deacons as well as other updated information. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Easy Does It Exercise is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

PW Bazaar Workshops meet on Monday mornings in Room #3 at 10:00 AM and it will end at noon.

Prayer Ministry meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Registration packets for the Women's Retreat are available in the narthex. The Retreat is **August 7th through the 9th** at Glacier Camp's Spruce Lodge. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 15th.** Make plans now to join us!

In accordance with the congregation's by-laws and as called by the Session, First Presbyterian Church will have a **congregational meeting on July 26th** immediately after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect two Elders to serve on Session and one Deacon.

Roof Replacement Update

Greetings from the Roof Fundraising Committee. We are excited to let you know that as of this week, we have received \$36,465 toward our new roof. That is 26% of our total need of \$142,000. If you feel led to give to this project, please note on your check that your gift is for the “roof”. Thanks be to God for His great provision! The removal of the old roof has been rescheduled to begin next week due to Wednesday's forecast of rain.

The Church Secretary will be on vacation the **week of July 20th** and will be **back in the office on Monday, July 27th.**

The Church Secretary will be out of **the office on Wed., July 29th.**

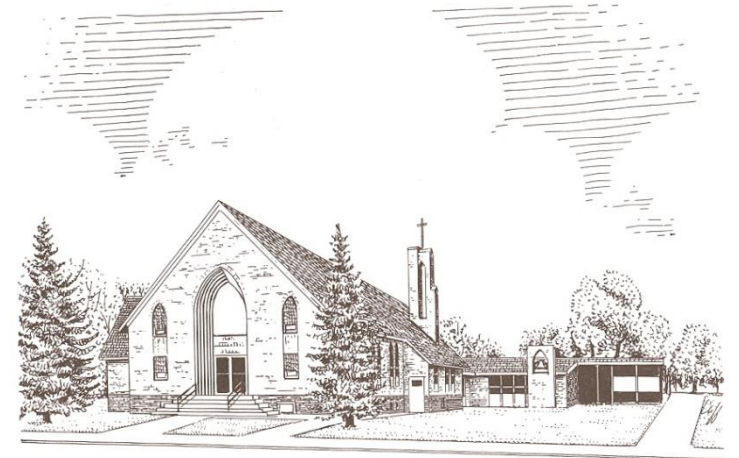
If you would like to read **The Upper Room** each day, you may pick up a copy in the narthex.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$1,405.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Rev. Tim Lanham, Colby Stenerson, Ralph Stordahl, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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“Proclaiming God's word and Sharing God's love”



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