

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not only in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

OFFERTORY *They'll Know We are Christians*

### \* DOXOLOGY *(unison)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

**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; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

### \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 559 *Here I Am, Lord*

### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE *(all sing)*

**May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope  
and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you  
home.**

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS:** Tom Copple Family,  
Garry Grau, Peggy Burger, Brenda & Robert Long.

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Isaac Palacios, son of  
Melissa. Joan Helgeland, mother of Alexa Brown. FPC  
Nursery teacher, Lupe Yanez. Deb & Steve Wade, aunt  
and uncle of Bryan King. Friends of Aislinn King, Carol  
& Joe Scarborough. FPC Scholar Singer Gaby Jaime's  
grandparents, Yolanda & Joe Garcia. Paul Vega, a friend  
of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary  
Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple.

**PRAISE:** Chrissie, Johnathan's sister returned to work  
today. Hallelujah!

Prayers for this church in transition.

*Many thanks to the congregational care team for their  
ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.*

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday 8/25

8:30 am United Methodist  
Worship Service —S  
8:45 am Choir  
Rehearsal—CR  
9:30 am Morning Bible  
Study with Rev. Reno  
10:30 am Worship—S  
11:30 am Back To School  
Taco Bar—DH

### Monday, 8/26

1:00 pm Canasta Group

### Wednesday, 8/28

7:00 pm Choir—CR  
8:15 pm Handbell  
rehearsal—S



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN LUBBOCK

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 2024 10:30 AM

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God  
and to one another as we follow Christ.*



THIS IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.



### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

*Minister of Word and Sacrament:* **The Rev. Dr. Robert Reno**  
*Liturgist:* **Anna Daniel**      *Director of Music:* **Alexa Brown**  
*Pianist:* **Dr. Spencer Hartman**

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE SPENCER HARTMAN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) ANNA DANIEL

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**His work is full of honor and majesty, and his righteousness endures forever.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**All those who fear the Lord have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 59 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

CALL TO CONFESSION

My friends, in spite of God's love for us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Let us confess our sins as we pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Loving God, you call us to follow your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear his name, maybe as children, maybe later in life. And we do follow, at least at first and for a time. But somehow, drawn by the temptations of this world, we lose the way. We forget all about Jesus until we no longer hear his voice, but only the loud clamor of pleasure, wealth, success – the things of this world. But then, one day, we find ourselves, lost and alone as darkness gathers. Our money is gone, our health is broken, our friends and family have disappeared. Come back to us, O God! Send Jesus back to us that we might once again follow the light of his mercy and forgiveness. Hear us in**

**our time of need, O God, even as we pray to you in the silence of our hearts.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. DR. ROBERT RENO

Brothers and sisters, the God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, forgiving.

**Thanks be to God!**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

\* PASS THE PEACE

\* GLORIA

(*Paul Vasile, used with permission; 2<sup>nd</sup> verse by Karen Copple*)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

(*all are invited to clap with the choir on verse 2*)

**One God in three, the holy Trinity,  
great God my Lord, your love has set me free,  
freed me from sin to life eternally.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine on our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON EPHESIANS 5: 15-20

SECOND LESSON JOHN 6: 56-69

SERMON "Lost Child"

MEDITATION *Coming Home* MARY McDONALD

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*from A BRIEF STATE OF FAITH*

\* CALL TO PRAYER 391

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.*