

## *A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!*

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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### **Calendar for this week:**

#### Sunday, August 1

**\*\*Special Recognition of the Branters\*\***

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Ruth Sanders  
Ushers & Greeters..... Dan & Vicki Svedarsky  
Organist..... George French  
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins  
Reader..... Lynne Mullins  
Coffee Fellowship ..... Sandy P & Marlys M & Jill S

#### Thursday, August 5

1 pm Book Study at TLC  
"Before Amen"

#### Next Sunday, August 8

10:30 am Worship w/Communion

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Pastor Corey Lange  
Communion Servers / Prep.. Ralph, Merrie, Marsha / Jeri  
Ushers & Greeters..... Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder  
Pianist..... Sandy Perkins  
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins  
Reader..... Ralph Pester  
Coffee Fellowship .....

# *First Presbyterian Church*

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 1, 2021

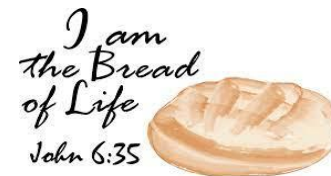
\*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION Bells of Praise



**SEEK YE FIRST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

When the people of God were hungry,

**God rained manna upon them, and they ate until they were full.**

When the people of God are hungry,

**God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts,  
and to share our bread with one another.**

Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,

**and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #48....."Rain Down (2x)"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will  
never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the  
wrong things.**

**You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements.**

**You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.**

**You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the  
gifts we call ours.**

**Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to  
hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for  
equality, to work for the common good until none of your children  
have to hunger for bread.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you! And also, with you!  
(Please share signs of peace with each other at a distance!)

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #616 ..... "Awesome God (2x with Bells)"**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING ..... Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 (pg 69)**

**PSALM READING.....Psalm 78:23-29 (pg 595)**  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**GOSPEL READING .....John 6:24-35(pg 101)**  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ*

**SERMON                      Jesus, the Bread of Life                      Ruth Sanders**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #460..... "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

**LITANY OF THANKFULNESS FOR CHURCH LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS (Responsive)**

The body of Christ is made up of many members,  
Not all have the same functions  
We are blessed with many members who care for the body of Christ here at FPC. Today we especially recognize Kerri and Jason Branter.

We thank God for them.  
They have given of their time and talents in countless ways to bless this faith community as well as the greater community.  
We thank God for their efforts and for the gifts given to them by the Holy Spirit.

Their mission and ministry come from the Holy Spirit as they continue to serve the Lord. By God’s will Kerri and Jason committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked through them to bless all of us.

**We thank God for them.**

They add hands, feet, and hearts to our calling to be Christ to one another. They have served this church as musicians, readers, Deacons, Session members, teachers, PW, PNC Committee, serving in the kitchen for coffee fellowship and other events, prayer chain participants and simply by being a friend to ALL.

**We thank God for them.**

As Kerri and Jason move to a new community and even though their plan is to maintain their connection to this church, we know the look of that will change. We wish them Godspeed and blessings in their new home and community. We know God will continue to bless them as they continue to minister to the body of Christ wherever they go.

Let us stand and sing together the Doxology.....#606

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Lord in your Mercy. **C: Hear our prayer**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Go now with the blessing of God - who, through Jesus Christ, provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us! Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN (Insert)..... "Bind Us Together"**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Please continue to be in prayer for:**

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| Mary Pester      | Folkers Family | Bailey Folkers |
| Bladen Melsa     | Brent Blake    | Lynn Roppeau’s |
| JoAnn Westburg   | Curt Hoppe     | friend         |
| Chuck Mullins II | Donna Hudson   |                |
| The Brantners    | Eden Sanders   |                |

