

Gathering of Prayer Concerns  
Choral Call to Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering  
Reflection of Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**God of Grace and truth, you fill us with the knowledge of your will, that we may gain spiritual wisdom and understanding. We seek to lead a life worthy of your calling in Christ. We bring you the fruit, born of your graciousness, with the prayer that it may be fitting of your blessing and glory. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #245 (Hymnal)**

*Take Thou Our Minds*

\*Charge to the People  
\*Choral Response  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

**Session**

**Class of 2025**  
**Carolyn Bolinsky**  
**Geraldine Wallick**

**Class of 2026**  
**Kathy Dryman**  
**Melissa Beck**

**Class of 2027**  
**Linda Brummett**  
**Carey Hixson**  
**Chris Metcalfe**

**Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday School 10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship 11:00 a.m.**

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**LOVE**  
*the Lord your God*  
*with all your*  
**HEART**  
*and with all your*  
**SOUL**  
*and with all your*  
**STRENGTH**  
*and with all your*  
**MIND...**  
**L U K E 1 0 : 2 7**

# First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

July 13, 2025

*Hope, Joy and Abundant Peace in Christ*

Guest Pastor  
Organist  
Choir Director

Dr. Chris Metcalfe  
Geraldine Wallick  
Dr. Chris Metcalfe

*\*We will sing the 1<sup>st</sup> and last verse of each hymn\**

Prelude and Chime  
Welcome and Announcements  
Passing of the Peace  
Choral Introit

## **\*Call to Worship**

## **Colossians 1**

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all saints.

**We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to us.**

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will.

**So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work.**

Let us worship God!

## **\*Opening Prayer**

**Most Holy God, you know our every thought and deed; our lives are not hidden from you. You dwell in the heights, yet you stoop to hear us. You inhabit the depths, yet you rise to support our efforts to serve you. You encompass the whole of creation, and are yet concerned for our needs. All praise to you, eternal God; we honor and glorify your holy name. Amen.**

## **Children's Moment**

**\*Hymn #6 (Hymnal)**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation*

## **Call to Confession**

Moment of silent confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by your neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love, practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of the Christ who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear Paul's words when he writes of God, who has transferred us from the dominion of darkness and to the care of Christ our Savior. So, walk in Christ's love with assurance of your redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

**\*Gloria Patri**

#435 (Maroon)

Anthem

Scripture Lesson

**Amos 7:7-14  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Psalms 82  
Psalms 25:1-10  
Luke 10:25-37**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Reaping What You Sow*

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(Hymnal xlv)

**\*Hymn #223 (Hymnal)**

*Jesus Calls Us*

### Church Prayer

**O Lord God, Your mercy delights us, and the world longs for Your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Prayer Family

Carl & Teresa Vance

### Prayer List

Gail Beasley  
Jim Brummett  
Judy Caughron  
Richard Choate  
Adam Cothron  
Loretta Cunningham  
Larry Eaton  
Rick Fenton  
John Ford  
Jace Greene  
Gail Hardin  
Sonya Headrick  
Mike Holbrook  
Morgan James  
Scott Jablonski  
Kennedy Ladd  
Jack Ledford  
Chasity Lowery  
Rick Moore  
Sona Moore  
Jim Pelfrey  
Pete Preston  
Bob & Mava Pritchard  
Jeff Russell  
Thomas Scandlyn  
Larry Scherrill  
Sissy Shirer  
Michael Sillaway  
Shawn Smith  
Chasity Strumbo  
Scotty Thomas  
Virgie Watson

### Birthdays

15<sup>th</sup> Cameron Sillaway  
16<sup>th</sup> Isaac Ewing  
16<sup>th</sup> David Ledford  
18<sup>th</sup> Lynette Knight  
18<sup>th</sup> Wren Tuten  
19<sup>th</sup> Boyce Tuten

### Anniversaries

None this week.

### Homebound Members

Jo Ann Glover  
Dot Holmes  
Carolyn Pemberton  
Jenny Wright

Jamie Boles Wilson  
Doug Wright  
Jenny Wright  
Donna & Jackie Wyrick

### Also be in Prayer for:

All Caregivers  
All First Responders  
Our Congregation  
All the People of the World

### Announcements

- If you are visitor, please fill out the Welcome cards provided in the pews and place in the offering plate.
- Lemonade on the Lawn will not be today since we have a dinner following the service. Please sign up (in the narthex) for the Sunday you can host. If no host has signed up to provide lemonade, spend a few minutes meeting and greeting fellow worshipers on the lawn after service.
- We will sponsor one of Rockwood's Christmas angels for restoration. The cost to restore one angel is \$500. Please make donations by noting on your check 'For Angel Restoration.' Watch for announcements of fund raisers to help with this effort.
- The months of June, July and August are the months we collect for the Hunger Fund in our church. The amount is 2 cents per meal, 6 cents per day for each family member for a total of \$5.52. This will be taken the first two Sundays in September. A large portion of this offering comes to our Appalachian region.

### Looking Ahead

- July 22 – Stewardship
- July 24 – Session
- July 26 – Love Kitchen

**Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
for all the nations belong to you!**

PSALM 82:8, NRSV



## **Amos 7:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will spare them no longer;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

<sup>16</sup> “Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ <sup>17</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

## **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## **Psalms 82**

<sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement: <sup>2</sup> “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? <sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and destitute. <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”

<sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

## **Psalms 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### **Colossians 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience,

joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."