First Presbyterian E-Link

May 21, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



EASTERTIDE 2025 SERIES

Emerge:

A Metamorphosis Moment

Week 5 – Sunday, May 25 @10:00am

"Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities"

We all come into this world as seeds of potential. Just as mighty oak trees grow from tiny acorns and beautiful butterflies grow from humble caterpillars, each one of us is gifted with unique potential for growth and transformation. As we continue our journey through the "Emerge" series, we dare to imagine unfolding our wings and claiming our space in this beloved community.

Once out of the cocoon, the new butterfly has much to do to prepare for flight. Wings are not yet ready. Small and undernourished, they long for expansion — to move beyond this awkward in-between-ness. As we consider our own metamorphosis, we remember how Jesus renamed "Simon" as "Peter" — a description of "the rock" upon which the church would be built. Are we willing to accept that God's possibilities may come in ways we never imagined, perhaps expanding our notion of who we are in this world?

Prayer:

Holy One, we are hungry for meaningful lives and fulfilling relationships. We thirst for your justice and mercy. Stretch our hearts and minds as we expand into the fullness of your love, reaching out to build new connections, to generate fresh ideas, and to do more acts of goodness in the world. We are anchored in your love and held by your grace. Help us lift high the ones in our community who are in need of loving care and support.

Church Birthdays

May 22-Marlys Folkers,23-Ryder Connolly, 25-Mitch Weinberg, Atlas Braley, 29 -Madison Lockey, 31-Cam Barber

For Your Prayers

Gary Clark's mother

Jean Boller's parents

Emy Mountain (**Dave & Sue Luck's** daughter)

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Notice…

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Sunday, June 1, 10 am

Pastor Julie's 5-Year Anniversary Celebration

High School Senior Recognition

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

Sign Up: Worship Leaders

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Jan Reimer

Videographer: Brad Jensen

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Lawn Mowing: 5/18– Brad Jensen

Lawn Mowing 5/25– Paul Braley

Celebrating Our Family of Faith



Sunday, June 1, 10:00 am

We will have a Celebration Sunday to recognize our five year anniversary of ministry with Pastor Julie.

Our high school graduates will be honored during worship.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, May 21

6:00 pm Session Meeting, library

Friday, May 23

1:00 pm CVJC Steering Cte, library

Sunday, May 25

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Monday, May 26

—- office closed, Memorial Day

ATTENTION CHURCH CAMPERS!!



Now is the time to sign up for camp.

Contact us if you plan to attend.

Go to Lakeshore Center's website to sign up: Camp Sign Up. Scroll down for the form link.

If campers **sign up by MONDAY, MAY 28** our church will pay 100% of your fee! After the 28th, the church pays 90% and the camper pays the other 10%. Lakeshore Center does have some camp scholarships available.

- When you sign up, look for the option on how you plan to pay. Choose the 'Church Pays' option.

First Presbyterian Church Leadership | 2024-2025

Elders with Team Assignments (*Moderator)

Class of 2025

Tanner Barber
*Connectedness Team**

Scott Connolly
Connectedness Team

Sandy Jensen
*Community Ministries Team**

Judy Burfeind
Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Jean Boller
*Children, Youth, & Family Team**

Cyd Grafft
Worship & Music Team

Kevin Thedens
*Corporate Ministries, Finance**

Class 0f 2027

Ray Burfeind
Personnel Team

Brad Jensen
Community Ministries

Additional Team Moderators

Dave Luck
*Worship & Music Team**

Kay Leeper
*Personnel Team**

Jim Seeley
*Properties Team**

Deacons (*Co-Moderators)

Class of 2025

Phil Batchelder
Margaret Clark
Sue Weinberg

Class of 2026

Jill Mortenson*
Jane Seeley*
Jim Seeley

Class 0f 2027

Kirk Eastman
Sue Eastman
Connie Herbon
Janet Reimer

THANK YOU

We wanted to say thank you to all of our partners for your help with the ThreeHouse Finals Week Breakfasts. We received so much help in the form of food donations and volunteering. It was an awesome opportunity to be able to directly serve students, to give students an excuse to come touch base one last time for the semester, and to create some fun togetherness. We really couldn't do it without you.

Thank you, ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministry

Pastor Julie, Mission Committee and First Pres.,

Thank you so much for supporting the Sunday Supper program!

The impact on our community is great, as well as the gratitude from our guests.

Blessings,
The Sunday Supper Team

Changes to PCUSA Special Offerings

Current Four (4) Special Offerings will continue through 2025:

One Great Hour of Sharing
Pentecost Offering
Peace and Global Witness Offering
Christmas Joy Offering

40% of Pentecost offering is retained locally; we have primarily used it for school shoes (our Soles for Souls project) in partnership with Eye of the Needle

25% of Peace and Global Witness offering is retained locally; we've used it recently to support the newcomer family from Venezuela and attendance at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet by Working for Justice members

Beginning in 2026, there will only be three (3) Special Offerings.

One Great Hour of Sharing
~~Pentecost Offering~~ **discontinued**
~~Peace and Global Witness Offering~~ ——>World Communion Offering
Christmas Joy Offering

- The **Pentecost Offering** will be discontinued after the 2025 Offering. However, all current recipient causes will continue to be funded through the churchwide Special Offerings. For example, ministries focused on children-at-risk, youth, and young adults will now be part of the **Christmas Joy Offering**.

- The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** will transform into the **World Communion Offering** beginning in 2026.

- Through 2025, congregations and mid councils are invited to retain a percentage of gifts from their Pentecost and Peace & Global Witness Offerings.

In 2026, there will be a new grant-making program to support local and regional ministries. Congregations or mid councils will be able to apply for a grant for their own ministries that align with the causes supported through the new World Communion offering. Overall, **causes**, rather than **programs** will receive funds.