



Order of Worship August 17, 2025

PRELUDE

Rhonda Siltman

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 80

Rev. Bobbi Bell

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your might and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bobbi Bell

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

No. 65

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rhonda Siltman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rhonda Siltman

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

(Time for individual confession and examination.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rhonda Siltman

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Bobbi Bell

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC Piano/flute duet

Lynn Yueill and Julian Euteneuer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rhonda Siltman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Rhonda Siltman

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars
and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed;
righteousness but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bobbi Bell

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

Rev. Bobbi Bell

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peace on the Earth

Rev. Bobbi Bell

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith

Rhonda Siltman

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 366

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication



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PRAYERS OF PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bobbi Bell

(Kids, if you wish to come pick up an instrument for the final hymn you may do so.)

*HYMN

O Jesus, I have Promised

No. 724

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bobbi Bell

*POSTLUDE

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*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

“Bringing the living hope of the gospel to the world by knowing and serving Jesus Christ.”

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (August 17, 2025)

Rev. Bobbi Bell (Preacher), Rhonda Siltman (Worship Leader), Joe/Stephanie Jacobs (Ushers), Karen Larson (Greeter), Lori Smith, Leah Jacobs (Nursery) David Pennertz, Lynn Yueill, Jullian Euteneuer, (Musicians) Jay Espelien, John Scott, Lynn Rae Olson (Audio/Visual), Tami Calhoun (Equal Exchange).

Back to School

We ask that you bring new underwear/socks for students in need. We donate them to a local agency that provides them to students in the area.

Mission Work Trip

October 4-12 to Burnsville, NC. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rhonda Siltman with the mission committee or Pastor Al Jergenson for more details. If it is easier, you can call the church 251-8277.

Sept 5th-7th Fall Festival. Sept. 5—Outdoor Concert, Sept. 6 Carnival (2-6 pm), Sept. 7 Outdoor Worship. The youth committee is looking for raffle donations for the upcoming carnival. Specifically the committee is looking for two (\$20-\$30) boy and girl gifts for ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Please consider volunteering for the carnival. Contact Lora Hansen at 320.492.2403 for details.

In Memoriam

Our condolences to Pastor Darin and his family with the passing of his father Wayne on Tuesday the 12th. [Wayne Seaman Obituary August 12, 2025 - Dahn & Woodhouse Funeral Home](#)
Keep the family in your prayers this week. Thank you to Rev. Bobbi Bell for assisting during this time.

Calendar

Mon., Aug. 18

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., Aug. 19

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm - Lower Town Project

Wed., Aug. 20

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

Thurs., Aug. 21

5:00 pm Closer Walk

Fri., Aug. 22

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

2:00 pm Sewing Group (AWA)

Sun., Aug. 24

10:00 am—Worship Service