

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise July 14, 2024

# Welcome!

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

# **Today's Service**

## **Ordinary Time**

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

# The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Jack David Tyler, child of Lauren Havey Tyler and Daniel Tyler.

## **Worship Participants**

Rev. Kristie Finley Mike Adams

Dr. Robert McConnell

Dr. Jack Reeder

Summer Choir

Rick Day

Ryder Gamrath

Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson



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**Nursery** children up to 3 years Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

**Sunday School** ages 3 through 3rd Grade During worship, Playground On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel and return for Communion.

#### **Fellowship**

10:30 AM, Great Room

#### **Visiting First Pres?**

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them later in the service.

#### **Joys & Concerns**

We are a community that prays for and with one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card to share your prayer request.

#### **Prelude**

## Rockingham

**Hubert Parry** 



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers

## The Welcome

#### **Introit**

#### I Bind Unto Myself Today

Irish melody, adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven, The glorious sun's lifegiving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, The flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

-att. to St. Patrick

# \*Call to Worship

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ, **People:** so that we might live as God's own children.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

People: and live for the praise of God's glory.

All: Let us worship God.

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 482

Baptized in Water

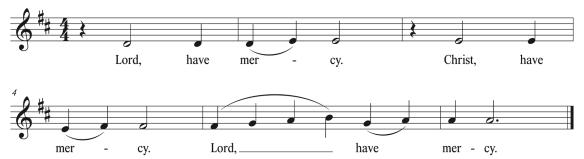
## Call to Confession

# **Prayer of Confession**

(silent confession...) Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Kyrie Craig Phillips



## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

# \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Baptism** 

Jack David Tyler

Lauren Havey Tyler and Daniel Tyler

## **Congregational Question**

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,

promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Jesus,

and to be faithful member of His church?

People: We do.

## \*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Baptism

#### The Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

## Sung Response No. 115 v. 3

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Following the Baptism, children in preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for the playground. Please pick up your children from the playground following worship.

## **New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 1: 3-14

New Testament, page 191 in pew Bible

**Sermon** Kristie Finley

"Oh How Blessed are We"

\*Hymn of Response see insert

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love

# Prayers of the People and 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.

# Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory Sing To The Lord

Trad. arr. Alice Parker

Sing to the Lord, ye heavenly hosts, and thou, O earth adore, Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts stand trembling at His power. His sounding chariot shakes the sky; He makes the clouds His throne; There all the stores of lightning lie, till vengeance darts them down.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams, and from His awful tongue A sovereign voice divides the flames and thunder roars along. Think, O my soul, the dreadful day, when this incensed God Shall rend the sky and burn the sea and fling His wrath abroad.

Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas Conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise. The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred Name, Of Him enthroned, and to adore the Lamb!

-Isaac Watts

## \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Sending No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

# \*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

—Numbers 6:24-26

## \*Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in F major

att. to Johann Sebastian Bach

# **Joys & Concerns**

#### Joys

This morning's baptism of Jack David Tyler, child of Lauren Havey Tyler and Daniel Tyler, brother to Mason Tyler, grandchild of Mike and Jill Havey and great-grandchild of Mary Anne Havey.

#### Concerns

For the family of Larry Crone, who died July 10. Sister, Mary. A service will be held here on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 AM. Visitation will be held at Wenban on Monday, July 15, 5:00-8:00 PM.

For the family of Karol Karlblom, who died July 6. Husband Bob, children Steve Karlblom, Anne Winebrenner, and Britt Ryan, and their families. A service will be held here on Thursday, July 18 at 10:30 AM.

For Barbara Schulz who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

For the family of Dan Cassin, who died May 11. Son Dwight and daughter Laura. A memorial service was held on July 11.

For Patty Bennett whose sister, Karen Hoagland, died on July 2.

We offer prayers for the planet and all its inhabitants. The weather changes have been devastating. From hurricanes to torrential rains and flooding, to fires and oppressive heat. Lord send our focus to the needs of all, may we care for each other and this earth as you have called us to.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may email your prayer requests to pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

**Prayer Chain** For confidential prayers, you may email prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

### Serve, Learn, & Connect

**Engagement & Membership**Diane Quinn
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Mission & Outreach Stewart Kerr skerr@firstchurchlf.org

# **Weekly Ministries**

During the summer, many of our weekly groups do not meet. Listed below are those that continue through the summer months. For questions or details contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

#### **TUESDAYS**

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM, South Parlor Adult Bible Study 1:00 PM, Zoom

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

Wednesday Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

#### **FRIDAYS**

Men of Corinth Bible Study 7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

#### **Announcements**

#### **Worship Flowers**

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

#### Summer Choir August 11, 2024

Interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir? Join us this summer for our next Summer Sunday! We will meet at 8:30 AM to rehearse before the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, August 11. For more information, contact Jack Reeder at ireeder@firstchurchlf.org

## Sign up for our newsletter!

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### Women's Gathering

#### Friday - Saturday, July 19 - 20

We will meet for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, and come together Saturday morning for a mandala making workshop. Sign up at firstchurchlf.org/gathering

## Iona Pilgrimage Share & Tea Sunday, July 21, 10:45 AM

Join us in the South Parlor for tea, a slideshow, and stores from the pilgrims who went on the Ireland, Scotland, and Iona pilgrimage in April.

## Young Family Summer Olympics Sunday, July 28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Celebrate the start of the 2024 Summer Olympics together. This is a young family event with food, fellowship and lots of games for children and their parents. Reserve your country and sign up at firstchurchlf.org/olympics

#### **New Member Classes**

If you are interested in learning more about our church and membership at First Pres, we will be having new member gatherings this September. For more information, contact Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org

#### **Pastoral Care**

If you have a pastoral care need, please email us at pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org.

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