

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 7, 2026



Therefore,

THE PROMISE COMES BY FAITH,
SO THAT IT MAY BE BY GRACE
AND MAY BE GUARANTEED
TO ALL ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING.

ROMANS 4:16, NIV

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell!

We are a diverse faith family who value traditional worship, including Biblical teaching, prayer, confession, music, and a fellowship of caring and sharing.

We believe in the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We practice the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion which define who we are and encourage and sustain us in our daily life.

By the Grace of God and to the Glory of God, as servants of God, we strive to demonstrate the Love of God through Jesus Christ and in the Peace of the Holy Spirit by offering a welcoming and nurturing community and by reaching out in compassion beyond our fellowship to people in need.

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June 7, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 5

(*) Stand as you are able

Please phone 269-215-0384 to join together!

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND CONNECTING CHURCH & HOME

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Taylor, Liturgist

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRIUNE GOD

Come to us today, O God.

Come to us with light.

(the candle is lit)

Speak to us today, O God.

Speak to us Your truth.

(the Bible is opened)

Dwell with us to us today, O God.

Dwell with us in love.

(the Cross is draped)

Renew us today, O God.

Renew us by Your Holy Spirit.

(the Font is filled)

WE CENTER OURSELVES AS WE WORSHIP

Mark Doster

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 33:1-4 *Rev. Patricia Weatherwax*

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

P: Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

L: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

ALL: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Patricia Weatherwax

Merciful God,

Matt. 9:9–13

you remind us through Scripture
that you desire mercy and not sacrifice.

You showed us an example of your mercy
in the life and actions of Jesus Christ.

Let your church live out that mercy for others,
as the healing and compassionate presence
that Jesus was in the world.

In his name we pray. **Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN #465 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Patricia Weatherwax

It is not the healthy who need a doctor,
but the sick, says Jesus.

Matt. 9:12

Let us confess the afflictions
that separate us from God’s love
so that we can receive the care
of the ultimate physician.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of calling,

Gen. 12:1–9;

you called Abraham and Matthew

Matt. 9:9–13

and gave them the strength they needed to follow you.

You also called a people

and cared for and nurtured that people

so that they could live life in your abundance.

You also call us,

but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes

and cover our ears,

turning our backs to your will.

**Forgive us, O God,
and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need
to follow when you call. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.
We can now live in peace!

Rom. 4:25

***GLORIA PATRI #579**

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcus Taylor, Liturgist

By your Word, O God,
everything was made.

Ps. 33:6

Your Word is powerful and can transform the hearts
of men and women.

Speak to us today, O God.

Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word,
and give us guidance and strength.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1–9; Romans 4:13–25

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Weatherwax

“Be Like Abraham”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN #172

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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 sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Marcus Taylor, Liturgist

[A time of silence follows each petition.]

God of love and compassion,
your sons and daughters
need your guidance and healing.

God, we pray for those
who can hear your calling
to a specific vocation
but are too afraid to take the first step.

God, we pray for those
who feel like they are dying,
emotionally or physically,
and cannot find peace or comfort.

God, we pray for those who
in their older years
must make decisions as to
where to go for the rest of their lives
and who have to confront new challenges.

God, we pray for nations and leaders,
with the hope that they will not follow their own plans,
but the purposes of your heart.

We pray all these things through Christ,

who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit as one,
forever and ever, and who taught us to pray:

**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

*God, who knows our needs and our wants, gives us all we have
and invites us to give in gratitude and joy so that we can bless
others as we have been blessed. Let us worship God through our
offerings, in thankfulness and love.*

*(We invite you, at this time, to write a check and mail it to the
church, if you are able.)*

Offertory

Mark Doster

*The Doxology #592

***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!***

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

Liturgist

Ancient of Days,

you call us not just to give us the blessing of being called your
people, but also to be a blessing for all people on this earth.

Through these offerings may we be channels of your compassion
and healing to others, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we
pray. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29

According to Luke: when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, as Jesus took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.

This is the *Lord's Table*. Our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which he has prepared.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good to give You thanks, almighty God.

You sent your servant John the Baptist to preach repentance and to prepare the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*You set us in this world to love and serve you,
and to live in peace with all that you have made.*

When we turned from you, you did not turn from us.

*When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.*

*When we were stubborn and stiff-necked,
you spoke to us through prophets
who looked for that day when justice shall triumph
and peace shall reign over all the earth.*

*Therefore, in all times and places Your people proclaim Your glory
in unending praise: (congregation sings; #138)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea!

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. You sent Him into this world to satisfy the longings of Your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to those captivated by sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed.

Jesus came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, You set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Words of Institution

Bread and Cup are passed to the congregation.

(Hymn sung during the distribution of the bread and cup. It is the custom of our faith community to not partake of the elements until all are able to partake together, as led by the pastor.)

HYMN #514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

[People will eat the bread.]

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

[People will drink the cup.]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

By Your power You raised Jesus from death to life. Through Christ's victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In Christ's rising to life, he promises eternal life to all who believe in Him. We praise You that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.

L: Lord, You have given Yourself to us;

P: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

L: Your love has made us a new people;

P: **As a people of love we will serve You with joy.**

L: Your glory has filled our hearts.

P: **Help us to glorify You in all things. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN #603**

“Song of Simeon”

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Patricia Weatherwax

May God our Father bless you

so that you can be a blessing to others.

May Christ bless you

so that you can be healers of a world that is hurting.

May the Holy Spirit bless you

so that you can spread the hope that only the triune God can inspire
and give to this world.

POSTLUDE

Mark Doster

GREETINGS TO EACH OTHER

Enjoy a time of greeting each other before ending the phone call.



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Questions for Reflection

How are we called to be a blessing to this world? How are we called to be a curse to this world? How can you be a healing presence in your home, in your community, and in your church? How can we live and work to share the message of faith with those who live without it?

Household Prayer: Morning

The sunlight of the morning
sometimes reminds me
that I ache, that I'm sick, that I hurt.
Remind me always to think about
how I can be a healing presence for others,
in your name.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, I have tried to live as your son or daughter today.
I have tried to let your voice guide me through the day
and to find comfort in you during times of trouble.
Allow me to find the rest that I need,
and thank you for all the faith and hope that you provide,
without which I would not be able to take a step.
Amen.

