

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after  
*Pentecost*

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*"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"*

Order of Worship  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 17)**  
*\*Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INTROIT #106 (AA) ..... "In The Beauty Of Holiness"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Come, let us worship the Lord for God has brought us safely here.

**PEOPLE:** We are right where we belong in the presence of the Most High!

**LEADER:** Called by the Spirit, drawn by grace, we enter with thanksgiving and praise.

**PEOPLE:** Our hearts rejoice, our spirits rise for the Lord is worthy!

**LEADER:** Fed by the love of Jesus, filled with the power of His name,

**ALL:** We come to feast at the table of grace with joy, with hope, and with thanksgiving.  
**Glory to God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #596 (AA) ..... "Come And Go With Me "**

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION** (*Unison*)

Gracious and Mighty God, This is the Lord's Day and we come to give You praise! You woke us up, breathed life into us, and gave us another chance to worship Your holy name. You are good, faithful, and worthy of all honor. Thank You for being our strength, our peace, and our joy. We lift our hands and our hearts to You, Lord because no one compares to You. This is Lord's Day and we will rejoice and be glad in it! Be glorified in our worship today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen. Assurance of pardon God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin. Thanks be to God!

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION** .....**FUPCC MEN’S CHOIR**  
"Through It All" *by Andraé Crouch*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** ..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 112  
**NEW TESTAMENT:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**SERMON** ..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**  
"When the Scales Fall: Wisdom That Opens Our Eyes "

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #432 (AA)** ..... **"Where Could I Go"**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - ((Book of Common Worship, Philippians 2:5-11)**  
**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard**  
**equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the**  
**form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he**  
**humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a**  
**cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above**  
**every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on**  
**earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY SELECTION..... FUPCC MEN’S CHOIR**  
**"I Know What Prayer Can Do" by Donald Malloy**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN #129 (AA) ..... "Lord Keep Me Day By Day"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

**RESPONSE ..... "Three-Fold Amen"**

**POSTUDE**