

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 7, 2025



Christian Formation Celebration Sunday

The Presbyterian Church (USA) planning calendar recognizes a week of Christian Formation in churches and faith communities. The week begins the Sunday after Labor Day. Today, we celebrate the importance of Christian Education and Christian Formation in the work of the church. We are all responsible, as members of the body of Christ, to teach and tell the truth of God's love.

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 18)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Elder Sharon Kelley

***INTROIT #644 (AA) "Alleluia"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Like clay on a wheel.

PEOPLE: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.

LEADER: And like moldable clay,

PEOPLE: God continues to shape us.

ALL: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #634 (GG)..... "To God Be The Glory "**

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

God our Deliverer, we meditate upon your promises from morning into night. Our delight is in your law. Let goodness yield its fruit in every season, that, like a tree planted by streams of sweet water, we might find the good and live how you intended: free, flourishing, and in peace. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you’ve given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION "More Than Wonderful"
Composed by Lanny Wolfe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton H. Farmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 18:1–11
NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 1:6

SERMON Rev. Delton H. Farmer
"Still in the Making: God Is Not Finished with Me Yet "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #658 (GG)..... "God Is So Good"

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**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles 'Creed) *unison

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 sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION..... "Everlasting God"
composed by Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's TableRev. Delton H. Farmer

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also, with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HMN #313 (AA) "I've Got A Feelin"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE "Seven-Fold AMEN"

POSTUDE