

# First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

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**July 28, 2024 • 9:00am Service**



*Expect Miracles*

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*\*Please stand if you are able*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF CHURCH BELL**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today is a day of joy.

*People: May our eyes be clear to see it.*

Leader: Today is a day of meaning.

*People: May our minds be open to receive it.*

Leader: Today is a day of growth.

*People: May our courage be up to the challenge.*

Leader: Let us worship God, who supplies our every need.

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Hymn #623

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we come to God acknowledging our great need and trusting in God’s great provision for us. Let us confess together.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

*Loving God, though we have experienced your grace in many ways, we are still in awe at the depth of your compassion and the breadth of your love. Where we give up so easily, as our love falters and fails, your love never fails, for it comes to us through our Lord, who was faithful even to death on the cross so that we might have life abundant and eternal—life full and rich and free. It is in his blessed name that we pray. Amen.*

## **TIME OF SILENT PRAYERS**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

God’s word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. Amen.

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (in unison)

*Thank you, God, for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Grant us peace to use these gifts from your hands with thankful, reverent hearts. Bless each gift we offer back, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our time, talents, and treasure. Amen.*

**VIDEO** "Jesus Feeds the 5,000"

**SCRIPTURE** John 6:1-21

**SERMON** "Expect Miracles" – Dr. Roberta Victor

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Open My Eyes That I May See" Hymn #557

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Courage and Compassion Litany by Joyce Rupp (Responsive Reading)

I pray to have courage and compassion to:

Be faithful to a spiritual practice even when constant duties lure me away from it;

*Resist a response that blames an underprivileged group for the injustice they experience;*

Persist in clearing my heart of its emotional armor and tendency toward building walls;

*Recover self-worth after being maligned by another's harsh treatment;*

Change my biases, prejudices, and baseless views about other religious beliefs;

*Cultivate an open mind and heart toward those I am inclined to quickly dismiss;*

Go beyond mere acceptance and enter into relationship with people of diversity;

*Speak up for those who do not have the power or means to speak for themselves;*

Choose to live with fewer material possessions so other's basic needs are met;

*Enter into dialogue when angry difference and misunderstandings create division;*

Refuse to harbor thoughts and feelings of revenge and retaliation toward anyone;

*Cultivate a spirit of gratitude and eliminate entitlement from my expectations;*

Accept my deficiencies and allow them to teach me about being compassionate;

*Step out of my tight schedule and choose to be a caring presence with someone;*

Unclench and release my strong opinions until they drop out of my padlocked grasp;

*Re-gather my hope for people's well-being when their situations look dismal;*

Focus my wandering mind and listen with full attentiveness to others;

*Stand on a firm foundation of prayer and approach all persons with compassion. Amen.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**\*CLOSING SONG** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - Steve Green

**\*BENEDICTION** (in unison)

*If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Walk in the newness of life. God is with you always. Amen.*

### Garage Sale

Garage Sale drop-off times will be as follows:  
July 30th and 31st between 9:00am and noon.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall to provide bake goods items and to help with Garage Sale.

Feel free to keep shopping at the garage sale.  
Free-will donation box is located on kitchen counter.

### Ambassadors of Grace ~ August 4th

Join us Sunday, August 4th to hear the husband and wife duo, Dennis and Cheryl Perkins, as they sing some old and new Southern Gospel songs. Be sure to invite your friends and family to attend as well.



### Walking Challenge

July 31st—Turn in your walking miles to Jane.

### Sharing your Summer Fun

Please send any selfies, family or friends photos that you have taken during this summer to the office or Jane Altman.

We will share all of them at the end of the summer.

\*\*\*Sponsored by the Nurture Committee\*\*\*

**Reminder...**asking for cash donations to purchase needed items for Homeless Shelter.

### Today

Pastor ~ Dr. Roberta Victor  
Organist ~ Colene Townsend  
Ushers/Greeters ~ Robbin McClelland & Candance Biddle  
Offering Counters ~ Dana Grefe & Brent Smith  
Coffee Hosts ~ Marlene Youde & Anita VanderVorde  
Technology ~ Susan Ballard

### August 4, 2024

Pastor ~ Ambassadors of Grace  
Organist ~ Colene Townsend  
Ushers/Greeters ~ Gai Shields & Brent Smith  
Offering Counters ~ Denny Rosenberg & Jane Altman  
Coffee Hosts ~ Donuts  
Technology ~ Susan Ballard

### Today

9:00am—Worship  
10:15am—Fellowship  
6:00pm—3 Heath Brothers in Concert,  
Prairie Creek Church

### Thursday

9:00am—Coffee Club

### Friday

8:00am—4:00pm—Garage Sale

### Saturday

8:00am—12:00pm—Garage Sale

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2—6 Pastor Doug on Vacation  
August 4—Ambassadors of Grace; Visit Jane and Bob's wildflower acreage after fellowship. Carpooling will be available.  
August 8—Bill Sharp's Memorial Service (more information to follow)  
August 11—Communion Sunday  
August 15—Coffee Club, 9:00am; Worship Team Meeting, 5:00pm

*Happy Anniversary*

July 31 Doug & Katie Basler

*HAPPY Birthday*



July 28 Gretchen Derry

### Worship Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance	Donations
July 21	41	\$1,508.53

*In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments, complaints, or concerns please be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson (below) as a first step. Thank You!*

**Building & Grounds, Technology:** Melodee Grefe  
**Christian Ed:** Janel DeJoode  
**Nominating:** Ellen Workman  
**Nurture, Mission & Evangelism:** Jane Altman  
**Personnel:** Ellen Workman  
**Stewardship, Finance, Memorial:** Cyndy Bolsenga  
**Worship:**