

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) | Hymnal, pg. 15

† **EUCCHARISTIC HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together” | No. 513

EUCCHARIST

The Eucharist liturgy is included in the insert and on page 13 in the Hymnal

SENDING

OFFERING

† **DOXOLOGY (592)**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

† **CLOSING HYMN**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” | Insert

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

Liturgist | Nancy Matis

Music Director | Mark Brooks

Soloist | David Oates

Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste

Ushers | Carolyn Bumbacher & Carolyn Macafee

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
July 19, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets

618-465-3592

Office Hours Mon-Fri

9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

10:00 Worship

Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | *Music Room*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely the Lord is in this place!
This is the house of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | No. 482

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ’s faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life’s end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God’s faithful love endures forever. Confident of God’s grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

The Peace | Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a | Pg. 25 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 139 | No. 248 (Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-25 | Pg. 158 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30 | Pg. 14 (Pew Bible)
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“It is Well”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We approach God in prayer not as strangers,
But as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**