



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
July 5, 2026



† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) | Hymnal, pg. 14

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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS, DEBTORS)

SENDING

OFFERING

† DOXOLOGY (592)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

"Here I am Lord" | No. 525

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

Liturgist | Rik Stabell

Music Director | Mark Brooks

Cantor | Susie Delano

Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste

Ushers | Jane Lewis & Jane Cerbie

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CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets

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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*

FIRSTPRESALTON.ORG

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome one another in Jesus' name,
for Christ is truly present among us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through 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

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" | No. 262

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 | Pg. 20 (Pew Bible)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45

(Insert)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a | Pg. 157 (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 11:16-19, 25-30 | Pg. 11 (Pew Bible)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

"How Great Thou Art" | No. 467