



chancel vases open for dedications:

June 7...1 vase

June 14th....1 vase

June 21st.... 2 vases

June 28th....two

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Sunday, May 31, 2026
First Sunday After Pentecost



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"When Do We Start?"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, May 31, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

In you, our God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Listen to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. (*Psalms 31: 1-2, adapted*)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 13)

Betsy Kipila

One: "How long, O Lord?

ALL: How long until we see your face again?

One: How long must I bear sorrow?"

ALL: God will answer us.

One: God will show us light.

ALL: We trust God's steadfast love.

One: We rejoice in God's salvation.

ALL: So we wait patiently for God.

One: And we will sing to our bountiful God.

Choral Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy"

* Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" # 467
(Blue Hymnal)

* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ.*

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

William Steger

Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Nancy & Rich Wright

Patti Seaman—*sister of Jonelle Jones*

Capt. C.J. Edwards, *husband of Marty Cropper's niece*

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

John Marshalek and Peg Spencer *Friends of Marty*

Cropper

Roger Baker

Fellowship Hosts:

May 31 Lisa Bayles

June 7 Jan Owens

June 14 AIR SHOW — NO FELLOWSHIP

June 21 Marci Russell

June 28 Mabel Rogers

July 5 Jackie Bates

July 12 Vicky Cairns

July 19 Ann Hales

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	May	31	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Sun	May	31	CRU - Weekly Prayer	7:00 PM
Mon	June	1	CRU - Outreach Training	6:00 PM
Wed	June	1	Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Fri	June	5	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: *Jan Owens (6/2)*

FLOWERS: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ A basket of flowers is given by Bill Owens in celebration of Jan's "38th" birthday! She is the love of my life and the "rock and cement" of our ever expanding family. Happy Birthday! Love ya!

~ Thank you **God** for the roof over our head, a bed to sleep in, food on our table, and shoes on our feet and being an American who speaks English. Forgive us if we ever start to complain and forget our great blessings. **AMEN**

NEVER FORGET nothing is more powerful than prayer, nothing is stronger than faith, and nothing is greater than **God**. **AMEN**

Thank you **God** for your divine intervention for 250 years. Thanks to our forefathers and their creation of the Declaration of Independence, Our Bill of Rights, and our Constitution and giving birth to our Republic. **AMEN**

God please accept our Red, White and Blue flower offering on behalf of the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Call to Confession: (based on John 14)

Despite God's clear instruction, despite Jesus's example to stay faithful to the end, despite the power of the Holy Spirit to shape and guide us, our steps falter. Our aim is not sure; we hesitate; we lack enough faithfulness to keep us on course. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

In Christ, we have seen God's way, God's truth, and God's life. But we confess that still we are lost, we are still confused, and we fail to live complete lives. Despite Christ's example, we fail to recognize Christ all around us and in all others. Our faith falters and limits us, so that we fail to act according to God's call to do great things for God's sake. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon: (based on 1 Peter 2:9-10)

God chooses us as God's own people. Christ has demonstrated to us how to be a holy priesthood, so that we may show God's healing to the world. The Holy Spirit has coaxed us out of the dark places where we have chosen to hide, and brought us into God's glorious and everlasting light. Despite all our shortcomings, God's unending mercy has transformed us from our past to God's own future. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

* Gloria Patri (unison) #622

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Seeking For Me"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, in your Word we see your power. We listen to the voice of Jesus. Throughout scripture, we feel the guidance of the Spirit. In our hearing, let us respond to your truth. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Hebrews 11:24-26

(Page 1192 in pew Bible)

Elder Barbara Kipila

2nd Reading: Acts 7:55-60

(Page 1085 in pew Bible)

Pastor Jon Berquist

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

First Presbyterian Bell Choir

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee / O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Sermon "When Do We Start?"

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* Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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(Blue Hymnal)

Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "For All the Saints" # 526

Verses 1-4, with the addition before verse 3

(Blue Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Go Now in Peace"

Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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