

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 12, 2026
10:00AM

Welcome and News of our Church Family

Prelude *Little Prelude in F, BWV 556, no 4*
J. S. Bach

Introit *Jesus, We Want to Meet*

† Call to Worship: John Haley, Liturgist
L: Some questions are easy. Others require humility and faith.
A: Today we come seeking the God who is greater than our questions.
L: The Lord is righteous in all His ways and gracious in all His works.
A: We will listen, we will learn, and we will worship.

† Opening Hymn 150 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Loving God, You are holy, righteous, and just. Yet too often we shape You into our own image rather than allowing Your Word to shape us. We are set in our ideas and our ways. Forgive us for the times when we have forgotten that we all stand in need of Your grace. Search our hearts, renew our minds, and turn us again toward Christ and the mystery of Christ’s love. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to walk in faithfulness, to seek Your truth, and to live as people transformed by Your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn 579 *Glory Be To the Father*

Passing the Peace

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 65:1-16

Anthem *Blest Are They*
Arr. David Haas

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 13:22–35

Sermon “What the Hell?” Dr. Bowe
Does God Get What God Wants?

Second Hymn 378 *Make Me a Captive, Lord*

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Affirmation of Faith: (Adaptation from the Second Helvetic Confession)
We believe that God is the Creator of all things and that all creation is sustained and governed by God's wise, eternal, and almighty providence. We trust that God is faithful, just, and merciful in all God's ways. We believe that our hope is found in Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love, offers God's grace, and calls us into new life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to live faithfully, trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

† Closing Hymn 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

† Benediction

Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness- Refrain*

Postlude *Little Prelude in F, BWV 556, no 4*
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† You are invited to stand.



The QR Code for online giving is now active.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. Would you like to know more about the life and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church? We invite you to scan the QR code or go to our website <https://presby.org/worship-contact/> to submit a form requesting information.



Regular Sunday School is paused for the summer until August 9th.

The Faith Forum style adult Sunday School class resumed today. The class meets at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall followed by one worship service at 10:00AM in the sanctuary. The book that Dr. Bowe will be using to lead discussion is *Erasing Hell* by Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

Childcare will be available in Room #120 at 9AM on Sundays so that adults may attend the summer adult class.

Thursday Morning Bible Studies:
Women’s Bible Study at 9:00-10:00AM in the Franklin Center.
Men’s Bible Study at 11:00AM-Noon in the Parlor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This week we continued a Faith Forum style adult Sunday School class at 9:00AM in the Sanctuary followed by one worship service at 10:00AM in the Sanctuary. The book that Dr. Bowe is using to lead discussion is *Erasing Hell* by Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle. Please let the office know if you need a copy of the book.

The **Items of the Month for July** are **canned peas and green beans**. They go into the Elderly Mission Project (EMP) boxes which volunteers pack and deliver each month to seniors who need additional food toward the end of the month. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Help students start the school year equipped! We are collecting school supplies for Whitesburg Elementary School (some are name brand) and for ANVOO (Alabama Non-violent Offenders Organization). Take advantage of the tax-free weekend July 17-19 and choose from the lists on the table in the narthex. Donations need to be at church by **July 26**. Containers will be in the narthex.



Please keep the 4 youth and 1 adult that left yesterday to represent Faith at the Montreat Youth Conference in your prayers in the coming week as they participate in a wonderful time of small groups, worship, and back home groups. If you are able to help support this groups expenses please put Line Item #2652 on the memo line of your check. Montreat Youth Conferences affirm youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. The desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. Montreat seeks to be an inclusive space where each voice can be heard and where each heart can be molded; where change is invited, challenge is expected, and where all are embraced. Youth leave Montreat knowing that:

- Their faith matters.
- They are loved as they are.
- They are part of a community of faith.
- They are empowered to act for change in the world.

This coming Thursday (July 16 at 11 am), the Men's Bible Study will begin the study of the New Testament. Our pastor, Michael Bowe will present an overview. All who are interested are invited.

Faith Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Worship



John Martin's *The Great Day of His Wrath* (c. 1851–1853)

Engage, Nurture, Bless

*Faith Presbyterian Church wishes to **engage** the community with meaningful worship, to **nurture** this wonderful community with lasting discipleship and warm fellowship, and to **bless** the larger world with an amazing heart for mission.*

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Dr. Michael Bowe, Pastor

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