

# FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate  
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



June 28, 2026  
11:00 AM

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

**With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

**God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Let us worship our God!

**\*HYMN 687**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bala Khylllep

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil, and yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Morgan Oberlin, Elder

Benjamin Edward Hill, *child of Christie Regula and Alexander Hill*

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism.*

*Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex after the baptism..*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

*11.4 A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14 (OT, pg. 17)  
Matthew 10:40-42 (NT, pg. 11)

Rich Lockwood

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

The Akeda

Rev. Dr. John Bell

**\*HYMN 720**

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

**\*HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 1**

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: **That I am not my own, but belong—**

**body and soul, in life and in death—**

**to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**

**that not a hair can fall from my head**

without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him. 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.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*How Great Thou Art*

Stuart K. Hine

Megan Jones-Gatta, Soloist

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all;  
All of the worlds Thy hands have made.*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;*

*"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;*

*"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, and take me home; what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;*

*"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;*

*"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

*"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 306**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare*

William Mathias

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)  
The Rev. Bala Khylllep, Guest Liturgist  
Rich Lockwood, Scripture Reading  
Morgan Oberlin, Elder  
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)  
William Larson, Interim Organist  
Megan Jones-Gatta, Soprano Section Leader  
Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)  
Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader  
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer  
Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)  
Beda Adams, Caretaker

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### For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

**Children ages 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Youth Lounge**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

**Nursery care** is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

**The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

### Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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