

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.*



Van Gogh, Vincent, 1853-1890. *The Sower III* (version 2).

July 12, 2026
11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Patrick O'Connell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. 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

Jon Sweringen, Elder

Katherine Jane Clark, *child of Taylor Clark and Adam Clark*

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 (from *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

Psalm 119:105-112 (OT, pg. 569)
Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23 (NT pg. 13)

Bob Ball

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Parable of the Sower

Rev. Dr. John Bell

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

Borning Cry

Daniel Kallman

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

***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 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
Patrick O'Connell, Minute for Mission
Bob Ball, Liturgist
Jon Sweringen, Elder
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
William Larson, Interim Organist
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

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 and in memory of Lola Morrow by Bob, Jody, Susan, and Barbara.

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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