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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – JULY 23RD, 2023  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING  
WORSHIPING  
SERVING



*PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL*

*MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER*

*LITURGIST: JEAN WISE*

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- The beautiful flowers were provided by the Grilley family in loving memory of their husband, father, and former church member, Wesley Grilley.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #29

*O God, You Search Me*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"**

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.**

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Come, let us worship the LORD!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.**

**You see us at our worst and at our best.**

**There is much we would hide from you — the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.**

**Even as you know us, forgive us.**

**Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM PSALM 139

The one who hems us in, behind and before, loves us with a fierce tenderness. The one who pursues us to the farthest limit of the sea, fills us with peace and grace beyond measure.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \*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.***

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

FROM ROMANS 8

As children of light who have been adopted into the family of God, greet one another with joy by sharing signs of Christ's peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

## \*HYMN #32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 147

ROMANS 8:12-25

HEBREW LESSON

OT P. 24

GENESIS 28:10-22

SERMON Middle Space

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

\*HYMN #20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Christ all people here below;***

***Praise Holy Spirit evermore;***

***Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen***

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND 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.**

\*HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you.
- Many thanks to all the volunteers who made Day Camp happen. We had 91 children who participated last week and we had a fantastic week!
- A gracious Thank you to everyone's donations to the Deacon's Pantry. It is once again in good shape. Food donations are gratefully appreciated at any time. We go through them on a regular basis.
- Are you an older adult with "the blues" or depression? Feeling a little down? The PEARLS Program is here to help! Signs of depression include feeling down or hopeless, lack of interest or pleasure, and trouble concentrating. If you've been noticing these signs, you may benefit from participating in a six-week group PEARLS Tuesdays, Aug. 1st- September 5th, 10:00 am- 11:30 am.
  - First Presbyterian Church, Vert Room.
    - The program will be presented by Rod Harwood of GOBHI
    - Rod Harwood will be joining us today and he will share a bit about the program during coffee hour after worship.

# ***WORSHIP IN THE WOODS***

**96148, MEACHAM, OR 97859**

**AUG  
20TH**

***OTHER CHURCHES FROM THE  
PRESBYTERY WILL JOIN US  
10 AM***

**SEPT  
17TH**

***NO WORSHIP IN THE WOODS. OUR  
USUAL THIRD SUNDAY IS THE  
SUNDAY AFTER ROUND-UP AND  
PASTOR JONATHAN WILL BE OUT OF  
TOWN. WE WILL WORSHIP IN THE  
SANCTUARY AT 10:00AM***

**OCT  
8TH**

***FALL FESTIVAL THE  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
10 AM***

**A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH SUNDAY OF WORSHIP IN THE WOODS**



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Encourage Active,  
Rewarding Lives



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201 SW Dorion Ave., Pendleton Oregon 97801



PEARLS is a program to reduce symptoms of mild to moderate depression. Get support from trained facilitators to:

- Learn and practice problem-solving techniques
- Add pleasant activities to your life
- Promotes increasing pleasant events in your life
- Learn strategies to reduce anxiety and improve mood
- Get on a path toward increased physical activity
- Help yourself live a healthy and rewarding life

PEARLS is not mental health therapy or crisis intervention.



To learn more and register (limited class size) contact:  
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