Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Medley* arr. O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Es Ist Dir Gesagt, Mensch, Was Gut Ist, BWV 45* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)
Come, God has a word for us.
God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
Come, God has a word for us.
In this relationship, the possibilities are always open.
Come, God has a word for us.
To gather all the outsiders and insiders into one community. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)
Your love is extravagant and reckless, O God. You reach beyond our boundaries and you call us to join you. We confess we don't want to. We find it upsetting when you care for people we want to dislike. We are annoyed when you believe others who say they've changed, because we don't believe it…but we do want you believe it when we say it. We wish you would condemn and exclude the same people we do. We worry about what could happen in the future if we show compassion to *those* people, so we hold back.
Forgive us, gracious God. Not just the way we forgive others, but according to your goodness, so that we can learn to forgive. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Not just the mercy we show to others, but according to your goodness, so that we can learn to be merciful. Forgive us, and teach us to love as we have been loved. We ask in your gracious name…
(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart

Scripture Lesson Jonah 3:1 - 4:11 OT, p. 860

Sermon Disputing God: It's Not Fair! Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* Repton

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
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.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:
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 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Amazing Grace

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Hayes

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are comfortable doing so.

Worship Leader This Week: Ramona Perkins
NO Worship Leader Next Week

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What's Happening at Hope?

Sermon Series: Pastor Christie is currently preaching a sermon series on "Disputing God" exploring Bible stories where humans challenge God, protest judgment, appeal for mercy, or accuse God of wrongdoing. Join us as we learn what these stories teach us about humanity, life, and the nature of God.

Joint Worship Service and BBQ Lunch: Join us NEXT Sunday, July 5, at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church (5003 Whitesburg Drive - corner of Airport and Whitesburg) for our annual joint worship service and BBQ lunch. We will praise God in worship, and then join in fellowship over delicious BBQ. There will be an inflatable slide for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there.

Church Calendar at a Glance

June 28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
July 5	10:00 a.m.	Joint Worship and BBQ Lunch @ Faith Presbyterian Church

The Elder on Call for June is Angie Wester. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-684-7691**.

The Elder on Call for July is Susan Terry. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-975-9847**.

Prayer Concerns

Members:
Debbie Adsit
Traci Loveman
Holly Lowe
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Family:
Jimmy Marshall (Peter Loveman)
Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton)
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

Friends:
Dan Hahs
The family of Carolyn Fogelman (Dan Hahs)
Tracy Fletcher
Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Barbara Dennis
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)
Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)
Mary Neikirk (Angie Toles)

Those serving in our military.
Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

Prayer Family of the Week:
Our prayer family of the week is **Jenny and Jeremy Langston.** This week we ask the congregation to remember Jenny, Jeremy, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.