

Connect and Serve

Please see the website (firstpreswc.com) for a complete list of programs and ways to connect.

Rosebud - The rosebud is to the glory of God and in honor of Molly Magee Hazley, born July 15, 2026, child of Chris and Emily Hazley.

Summer Office Hours – We have transitioned to Summer Office hours. The church office will be open from 9am-4pm on Monday-Thursday and will be **closed** on Fridays.

New Spiritual Connections Study - Spiritual Connections, a women's study group, is starting *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans on Monday, August 3 at 6:30pm. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. All women are encouraged to join the discussion to consider and reflect on this moving and intimate book. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month via Zoom at 6:30pm. Contact the church office to connect with the group and obtain the Zoom link.

Summer Movie Night - Beat the heat with a classic movie this summer! On Monday, August 10 we'll see *Angels in the Outfield* (rated PG) at Uptown Theater (226 N. High St, WC). Filled with humor, heart, and inspiring moments, this family film is about faith, teamwork, and the power of believing in miracles. Invite a friend – the ticket price is covered and includes popcorn! Please sign up online.

Blood Donations Needed - First Pres will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 25 from Noon to 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Supplies often drop over the summer due to people being away and schools being off, and this year is no different, as there is an emergency shortage of blood and platelet donations. See this week's E-News for more information and a link to register.

First Presbyterian Church of West Chester
July 26, 2026



Order of Worship for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude In Native Worth and Honor Clad
Joseph Haydn

Call to Worship*
Rejoice, for the Lord has called us here.
**We come with glad hearts,
for the resurrected Lord is with us.**

Open your spirits to receive God's good news.
May we hear and live out the gospel as Easter people.

Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn 837* What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Welcome

Prayer of Confession
**God, though you have raised your Son from the dead
and opened our eyes to the resurrection, still we doubt.
We struggle to believe the truth of your promises
and slip back into cynicism and despair.
We too often forget what you have done,
and act as if Jesus is a man from history
rather than the Lord of our lives.
Lighten our path. Help us to believe and act
in ways that reflect the call of your resurrected Son.
In his name, we ask this, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness
Do not fear, for Christ is with us, offering new life and hope. Nothing can separate us from God’s love. Rejoice, for we have been made new in Christ.
Alleluia, Amen.

Response*
**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 the Peace*

First Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-7 OT p. 502

Special Music If with All Your Hearts
Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers of the People 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Blessed Assurance arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*
**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.**

*At this time children may join their teachers downstairs for
Summer Sunday School. Children will return to their families
during the final hymn.*

Hymn 623* I've Got Peace like a River

Second Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 NT p. 115

Sermon *Peace Be With You* Rev. Steven Clark

Hymn 824* There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Benediction*

Postlude Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

Assisting in worship today:
Ryan Hughes, Tenor

*All are welcome in worship. We are a community of people of
all ages who cry, vocalize, stim, fuss, stand, sit,
and come and go as needed.
The sounds of people are the joyful noise of God’s creation.*

*Audio amplifiers are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.
There are also screens in Fellowship Hall that stream the service if
you need to step out.*

*The nursery is available for children ages 0-3 years. Please ask a
greeter if you would like additional information
about Sunday School or children’s programming.*

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