



## Granite Presbyterian Church

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July 28, 2024

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO ALL!

**A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.**

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## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude      Blessed Quietness

Paxton

Call to Worship

Mike Kahn

Leader: We cannot give what we do not have.

**People: Let us open our hearts to all that God has to offer.**

Leader: Let us renew our hearts and minds.

**People: Let us love one another, as God has loved us**

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: Let us worship our loving God together**

Opening Prayer

Mike

**All: Creator God, in you we live and move and have our being:**

**You have been with us through good times and hard ones.**

**You give us strength to face the challenges around us. You offer us rest for our bodies and souls when life seems too demanding.**

**We turn to you for wisdom this day, trusting we will find the peace and comfort we long for in your presence. We praise you for all you offer us in your great faithfulness.**

**Fill us with your Spirit in this time of worship. Open our minds and hearts, so that we may see as you see, love as you love, and follow your ways for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

#485(PH)

Leader: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. We are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Let us pray together:

Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy One, we confess that we have fallen short. We do not always see the needs around us because our focus is on our own busy life. O God, forgive us for not loving others as you have loved us.**

**Restore in us the willingness to reach beyond our comfort zone, to seek out those in need, remembering that all of us have sinned. Guide us back to your ways of love, peace, and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray.**

*(Please take a moment for reflection on these words and your own heart)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Hymn      “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”    #426(PH)

## Prayer for Illumination

Mike

Leader: Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may truly understand. So that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 22:25-31

Mike

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## New Testament:

Acts 8:26-40

Pastor Kim

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Praise to You O God**

Sermon "How Can I Know Unless Someone Guides Me?" Pastor Kim

The Offertory Holy Art Thou

Paxton

Doxology

#593 (PH)

## Prayer of Dedication

Mike

**All: God of goodness and growth, receive our gifts and gratitude for all that you provide. Bless our gifts so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN**

**Healing Prayers/Laying on of Hands**

**Closing Hymn:**      “I Love to Tell the Story”      #65 (RH)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**      A Joyous Song Of Praise      Wesley

**Prayers for the week of July 28**

Prayers for the volatile political climate in our country on all sides  
Fires in the West; Floods in Texas, the Midwest and Vermont;  
Extreme heat index in the East; prayers for the homeless and  
those without electricity

**Bill** Hartlove, double knee replacement this week

**Pat**, Pastor Kim’s brother in law, heart surgery

**Doris**, Cheryl’s godmother, healing

**Valerie**, Kelly’s friend, heart issues

**Lady Terry**, **Ed Terry**, continued health concerns

**Matthew** Nofel and teammates, traveling mercies

**Deb**, friend of Pam Dua’s, heart attack/lack of oxygen to brain

**Ted Geisler Family**

**Wayde** broke his finger, prayers for healing

**Sue’s niece** as she begins bootcamp

**Liz** Haymire she fell and crushed part of her femur

**Rose**, Karen’s sister-in-law, home and healing

**Kenny** Lee, son of a friend of Nofel's, with cancer  
Severe Flooding NE Nebraska (Don Adam's family); SE  
South Dakota; SW Minnesota; NW Iowa  
Fires in the West; Hurricanes in the Gulf Coast

**Linda**, friend of Joyce's, heart surgeries

**Lee** Davis, friend of Pam's, tear in rotator cuff

**Anne**, Ed Terry's sister, failing health

**Kathy**, Joyce Meekins' sister, lung and liver cancer

**Robert** Hartlove, cancer has returned

**Zach** Bartlett, continued healing, Dona Ferguson's son

**David** Dressler, continued healing

**Troy** prayers for healing

**Phillip**, friend of Trevor, stage 4 cancer

**Toney** - Discernment on next steps for continued healing.

**Pete** Todd - Cheryl's father (and mother, **Gloria**)

**Tammy's mom** is doing much better

Joan's grandson, **Ryan** healing

**Lee** Sassi, Hospice care

**Cleo** Garriott - had a stroke

**Betty** Meekins

**Bonnie** Michaels, friend of Joan

**Jack** Albright

**Kevin** Farmer

**Lee** Haddaway

**Relma** Dixon, continued healing

**Jean** Higgs

**David** Bell diabetic complications

**Nadine**, continued prayers for her hip healing

**Mandy**, friend of Michelle's, breast cancer

**Robin**, Tammy's sister, continued healing

**Tina** Hartzog, chemo finished: cancer free

Karen's nephew, **Chris**, kidney failure

**Lori** Neisser

**Judy** Sparks

**Bud** Strohmer

**Kathy** Dunphy

**Kenny** Andrews

**Miranda**

**Amy** Hartman,

**Kathy** Skullney,

Israel, Iran, Palestine, Middle East, Ukraine, Haiti

Those affected by Key Bridge Collapse

## **Staff**

**Rev. Kim Nofel** – Pastor

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Pastors Office Hours : 1st & 3rd Wed afternoons; 2nd & 4th  
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**Sue Meekins** – Administrative Assistant

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**Patricia Hoover** – Organist

**Rev. Brad Dietz** – Preacher      bdietz45@gmail.com

## **Elders**

Mike Kahn - Clerk

Cheryl Spezzano

Jay Parson

Joyce Peugh

Nadine Merkle

Jeff Jefferies

Wayne Dell

Karen Kobel

## **Deacons**

Sarah Mathena - Moderator    Michelle Dietz    Gail Conaway

Cindy Kahn

Joy Parson

Sue Meekins

Joan Mathena

Barry Smith

Lili Evans

## **Treasurer's Report: June 2024**

Income \$16,229.50 Expenses: \$8,892.51

## **Announcements**

<https://granitepresbyterian.com/calendar/>

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Zoom Prayer Circle @ 7pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays - Bible Study in Social Hall @ 7pm

**Per Capita:** Just as we offer our gifts to the work of God here in Granite by our tithes and our talents, Per Capita is our church’s way of participating in what God is doing throughout the Presbytery of Baltimore and throughout the PCUSA. This year, our per capita giving is \$40 per member. If you want to contribute for your family please mark “per capita” in the check memo or on the giving envelope. Thank you.

**Please tear off and place in offering plate**

**GRANITE PRAYER LIST REQUEST/UPDATE**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Addition:**    **Deletion:**

**Please pray for (or, please remove):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include an address if you would like this person to receive a card of acknowledgement.**

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