



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude “Fountain Medley” Rodriguez
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship “I Long for Your Commandments” Wohl Denen, Die Da Wandeln
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

+Opening Hymn # 663 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” Morning Hymn

Prayer of Confession
Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We’ve relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Hymn #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem “Come My Soul” Marshall

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Romans 13:8-14 (p. 152)
Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 19)

Children’s Message Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Sermon “Why Can’t We All Just Get Along?” Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God’s call. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri, # 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
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.

OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 629 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” St. Agnes
(Verses 1, 2, and 5)

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory “The Gift of Love” Hopson

+Doxology # 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!” Lancashire
(Verses 1 and 3)

+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude “This Is My Father's World” Sheppard

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.
Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports
Hilltop Praises!

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones’ Mother)
Health Concerns

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hilda Nance
(Hillary Richardson’s Aunt)
Recovery from Stroke

Wayne Bruchey
Health Concerns

Rowland Jennings
Health Concerns

Boyd Hardy
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Cancer Diagnosis

Chris Hannon & Adele Elliot
(Friends of Eric Krieger)
Health Concerns

Friend of Marthalie Porter
Prayer Concerns

Ralph Null
Health Concerns

Cecil Vaughn
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson’s Mom)
Continued Recovery

Clear Moore
Surgery Recovery

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Kathy Dollar
Health Concerns

Brandon Tilp
Prayer Requests

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A Nursery is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth - Kindergarten).

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Today
15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Monday
Office & PCDP Closed in observance of Labor Day

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m.
Admin/Finance Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship
Ordination/Installation of New Officers

3:00 p.m.
PW Gathering

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem
Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2
Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4
Steve Wilkes-1	Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2
Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3
Sue Hatcher-2		Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Sunday, August 30, 2026 - Attendance: 69

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned Chef Boyardee and boxed cereals.

Kroger Weekly Sale

Chef Boyardee 5 or more \$.99 each and General Mills
boxed cereals are \$1.99 per box with card.

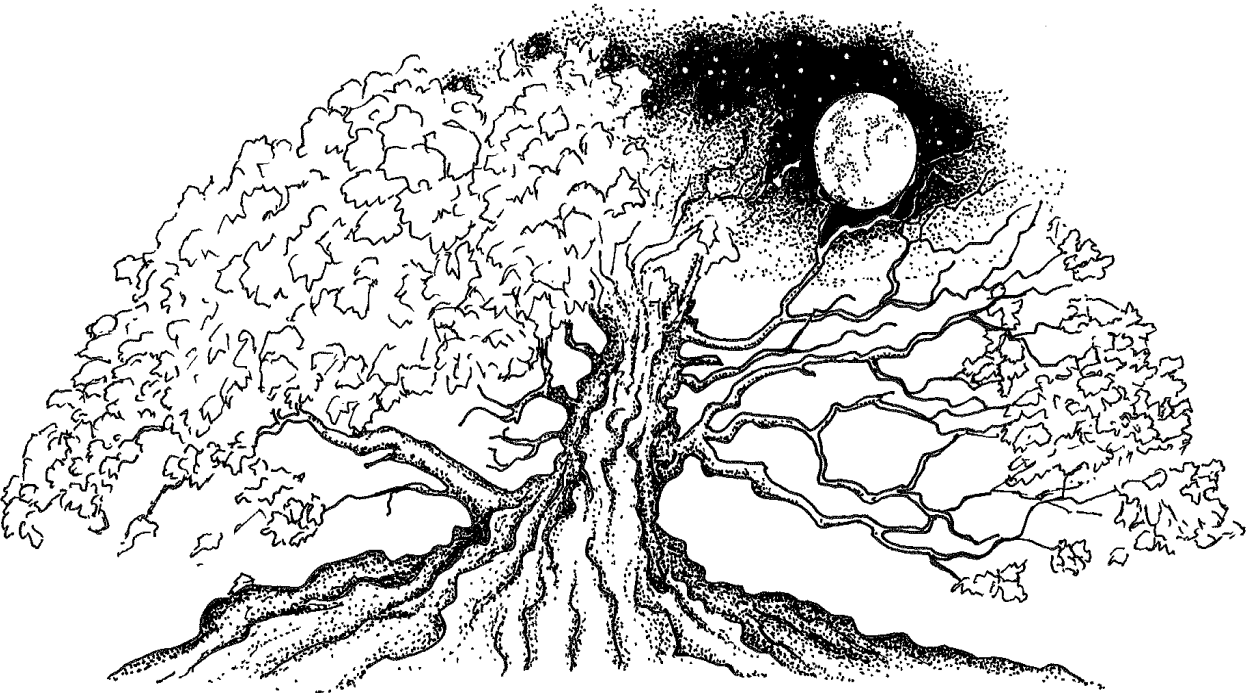
Helping Hands Fan Drive:

Helping Hands is accepting new fans through the summer months. If you would like to donate a fan, please drop it off in the Education Building. You may also make a monetary donation, please reference: Helping Hands Fan Drive and drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Why Can’t We All Just Get Along?”
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
September 6, 2026

