The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude "Largo" Handel
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship "To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes" Cannons
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.
This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.
This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.
This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.
This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!
This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

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

Prayer of Confession
Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful Lord, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Hymn #172 Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" Althouse

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Psalm 123 (p. 540)
Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 27)

Children's Message Reverend Chip Hatcher

Sermon "The Dishonor of Fear" Reverend Chip Hatcher

+Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith, Chap. 6, Pt. 2)
Jesus Christ is the living Word of God. The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. 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 # 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" Darwall's 148th

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 "We Have Met to Worship" Moore, Arr. Blake

+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 # 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" St. Anne
(Verses 1 and 4)

+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Wyeth

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

Praise Reports

Rowland Jennings has completed his treatments and is feeling well.

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

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

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

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

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

Steve Pieschel
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

The Barksdale Family
On the loss of
Mrs. Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson's Mom)

Roger Swartz
(Larry Swartz's Brother)
Health Concerns

Maggie Mistilis
(Larry Swartz's Sister)
Health Concerns

Robert White
(Friend of Taylor Richardson)
Recovery from Fall

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
25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship
Reverend Chip Hatcher

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Committee Meeting Minutes due to the church office

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday
Loaves & Fishes
(Volunteers Needed)

Next Sunday
Christ the King/ Reign of Christ
8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship
David Mills

Fellowship Meal following worship
(Shepherding Group 1)

Session

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

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4	Keith Gaskin- 2
Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2	Ed Oakes- 3
Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4	Lezli Waits- 4
Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes –1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2	Amanda Bowen– 2
Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3	Robert Hill– 3
	Jennifer Mearkle-2	Taylor Richardson– 2

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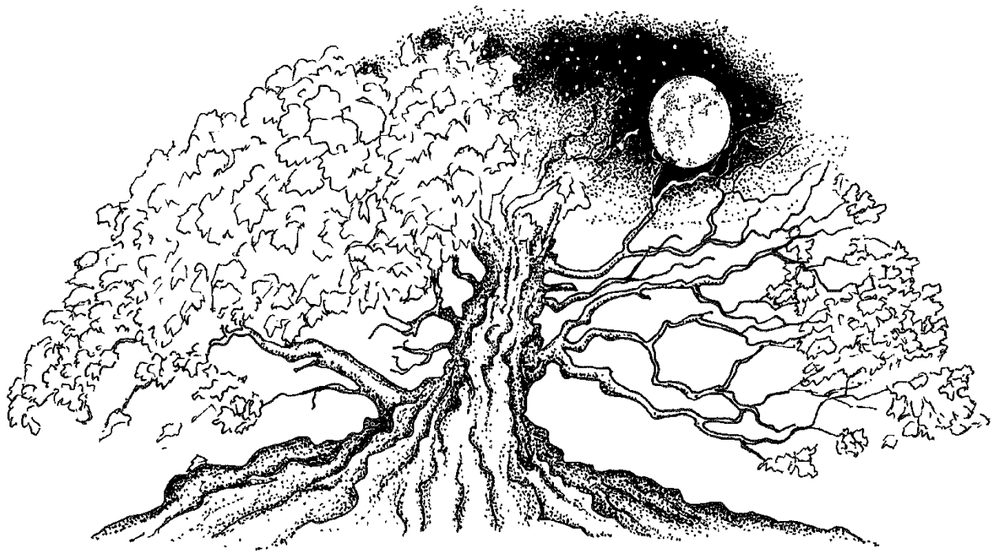
Sunday, November 8, 2026 - Attendance: 51

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:
All canned vegetables, 1 lb. bags of rice, and spaghetti noodles.

Helping Hands Fan Drive:
"Share the Warmth" – Help share the warmth by donating a blanket. New blankets will be accepted throughout the winter months. Please drop blankets off in the education building or if you would like to make a monetary donation, you may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday designated: Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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Custodian: Rowland Jennings

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

"The Dishonor of Fear"
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Reverend Chip Hatcher
November 15, 2026

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