



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Breathe on Me”	McKinney arr. Pethel
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”	Prospect
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
God’s greatness is unsearchable.
From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

+Opening Hymn # 267	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	Madrid
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Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. 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	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	Forrest

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God	Exodus 16:2-15 (pp. 60-61) Matthew 20:1-16 (pp. 20-21)	
Children’s Message	Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea	
Sermon	“Green Beans and the Kingdom of Heaven”	Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 # 715	“The Earth Belongs to God Alone”	Simmons
	(Verses 1, 3, and 4)	

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	“Change My Heart, O God”	Espinosa
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+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 # 667	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	Laudes Domini
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+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude	“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”	Fraysee
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+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.
Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

Welcome New Officers

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

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

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Brandon Tilp
Prayer Requests

The Dollar Family
On the loss of Kathie Dollar

Peter Ryan
(Friend of Pam Sullivan)
Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Frances Graham
(Xander Nowell’s Grandmother)
Recovery from Surgery

Willie & Jeanette Walker & Chloe
On the loss of Shenedia (PCDP Daughter & Mom)

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A Nursery is available in the
Education Building for the youngest
worshippers (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
17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

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

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship/2 Cents A Meal
Melissa McDuffie

Fellowship Meal
following worship
Shepherding Group 3

Session

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

<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Class of 2029</u>
Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4	
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

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

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - Attendance: 58

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Breakfast cereals, ramen noodles, and 1 lb. bags of rice.

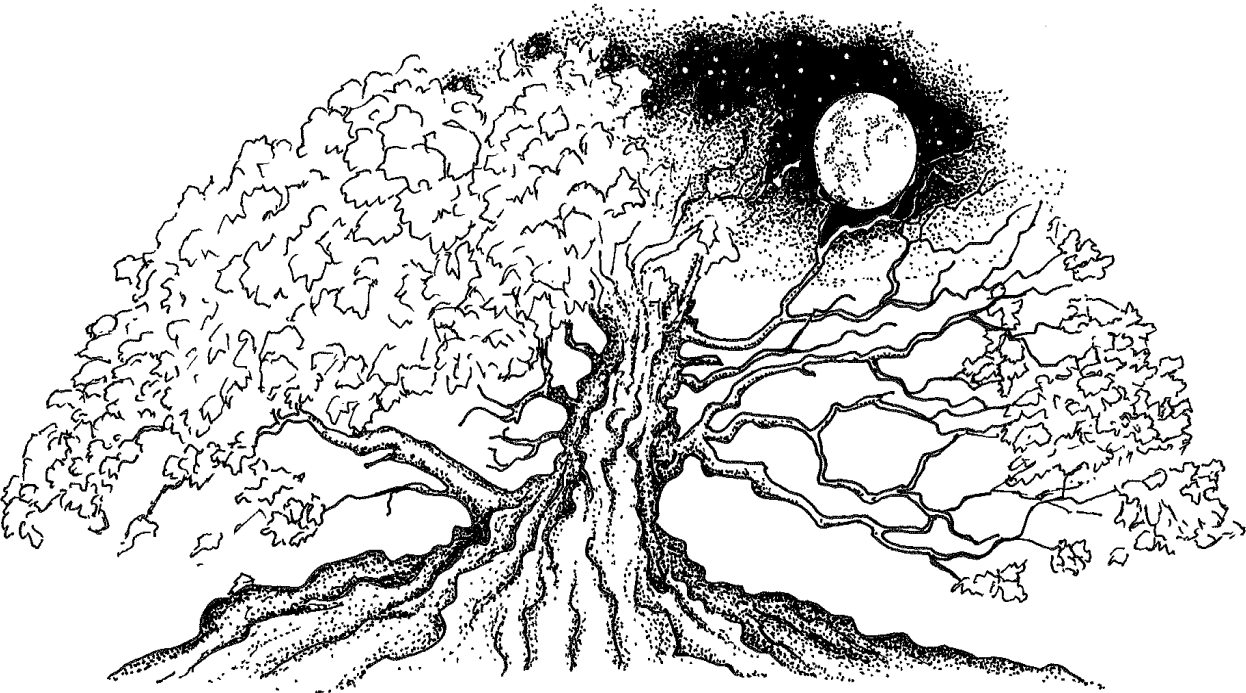
Helping Hands Fan Drive:

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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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

“Green Beans and the Kingdom of Heaven”
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
September 20, 2026

