



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Bradbury arr. Thomas
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”	Laudate Dominum
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to worship (adapted from Psalm 99)
Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.
God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!
Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.
We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!

+Opening Hymn # 192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining” Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer of Confession
God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. From Hymn # 70 (Verses 1 and 2)**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem “How Beautiful Upon The Mountain” John Carter

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 68)
Matthew 17:1-9 (pp. 17-18)

Children’s Message Chip Hatcher

Sermon “Transfiguration of the Lord” Rev. Johnny Wray

+Affirmation of faith (*The Nicene Creed*)
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 # 274 “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” Picardy
(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 “O Jerusalem” Vogt

+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 # 193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” Unser Herrscher
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

+Closing Prayer
+Postlude “To God Be the Glory” Doane

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

Praise Reports

Welcome to Xander Nowell,
our Director of Music.
We are so happy to have you!

Congratulations Johnny & Lauren Ault
as they welcome Baby Boys
Wesley Graham & Bennett Wilkes.
Welcome to the world little ones.
Your church family loves you.

Prayer Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns
Dorothy Fortman
Recovery from a broken leg

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

Julian Gardner
Continued Prayers

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hope Oakes
Health Concerns

Mary Anne Hamblen
Hillary Richardson’s Mother
Recovery from knee surgery

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson’s Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller
Broken Ankle

Anita Marie Turner
(Friend of Eric Krieger)
Final Stages of Cancer

Harolyn Jones
Recovery from fall (broken knee)

*Please let the church office know
if you have any praise reports
or prayer concerns.*

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
Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 a.m.
Session and Deacon
Joint Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Johnny Wray

Monday
President's Day
Office & PCDP Closed

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service
Thomas Richardson

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
1st Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship
2 Cents A Meal

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-2	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-3		Jennifer Mearkle-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Attendance: 59

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

PCDP/HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

It's COLD outside!

PCDP & Helping Hands is continuing its blanket drive throughout the cold months. New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference PCDP/Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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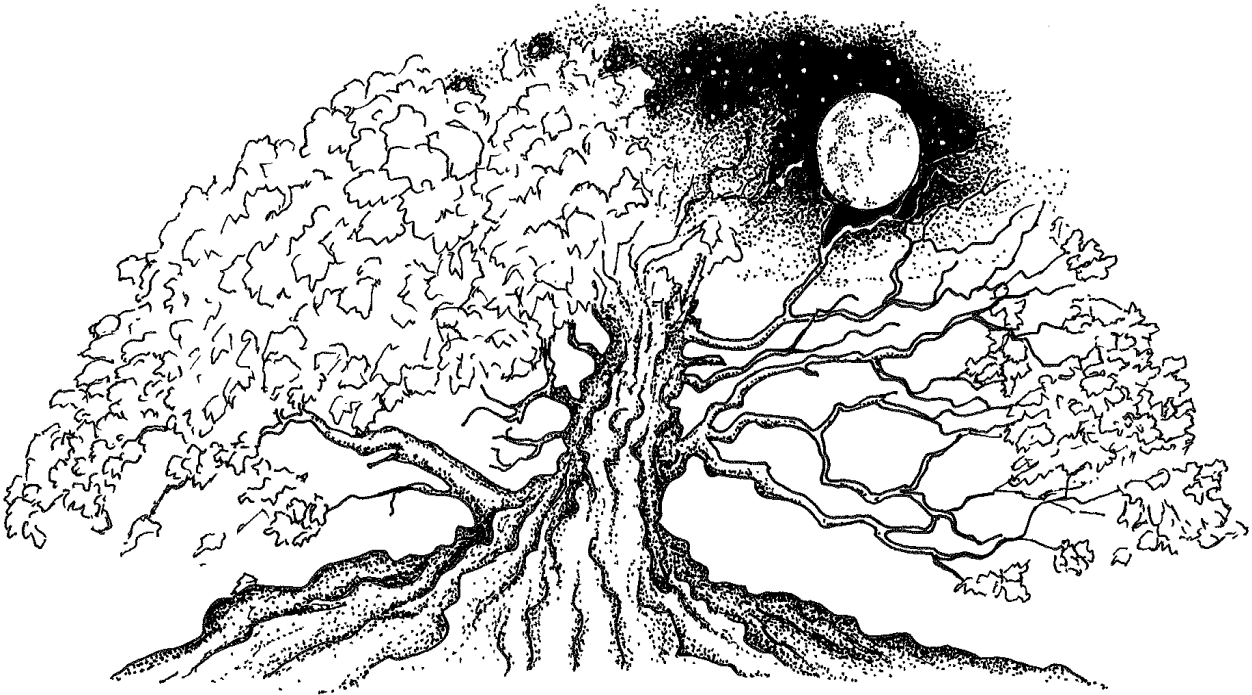
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Transfiguration of the Lord”

Rev. Johnny Wray

February 15, 2026

