



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Glory to His Name”	Stockton arr. Jordan
Welcome and Announcements		
Admin/Finance and Building & Grounds		2026 Reports to the Congregation
Choral Call to Worship	“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”	St. Anne
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship
Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.
Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
And let all the people say,
Amen. Praise the Lord!

+Opening Hymn # 801	“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)	Crimond
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Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Hymn #355 O hear our cry, O Lord; now hear us as we pray. You guide us a shepherd leads, so keep us in your way. O Come; Lord, come; restore and save us now.**

Assurance of Pardon		
Anthem	“Grace Alone”	arr. Fettke

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God	Exodus 32:1-14 (pp. 75-76) Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 23)	
Children’s Message		David Mills

Sermon	“What Are You Wearing?”	David Mills
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+Affirmation of Faith (from a Declaration of Faith)
We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. 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 # 39	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	Faithfulness
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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	“Come My Soul”	Haydn arr. Osman
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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 #748	“Go with Us, Lord”	Tallis’ Canon
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+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	German Hymn
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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

Steve Pieschel
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson’s Mom)
Continued Recovery

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Peter Ryan
(Friend of Pam Sullivan)
Undergoing Cancer Treatment

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

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
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
20th 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
David Mills

Monday
11:00 a.m.
Congregational Care/Christian
Action Committee Meeting

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.
“Falling Upward”
Book Study led by Pam Rhea

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan Service
Dr. Tom Richardson
Fellowship Lunch
Shepherding Group 4
Highland Games

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	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

<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-4	Taylor Richardson– 4

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Sunday, October 4, 2026 - Attendance: 47

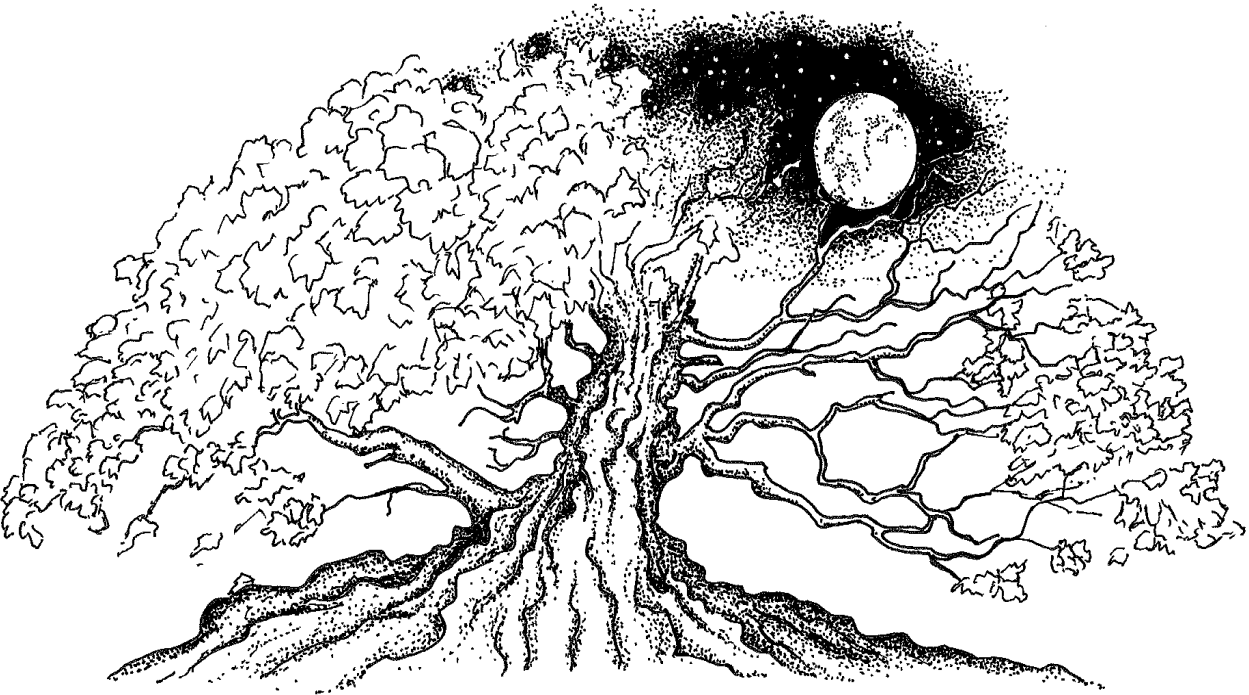
Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

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

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PCDP Director: Lezli Waits
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

“What Are You Wearing?”
20th Sunday after Pentecost
David Mills
October 11, 2026

