The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude "Medley of Thanks" Keil
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Carol
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Know this! The Lord is God!
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
Come, let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn # 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 "Come, Let Us Sing of His Glory" Young

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p. 756)
Matthew 25:31-46 (pp. 27-28)

Children's Message David Mills
Sermon "Of Goats and Sheep" David Mills

+Affirmation of Faith (From the Theological Declaration of Barmen)
As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Therefore we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. 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

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 "Give Thanks, People of God" Keil

+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 # 542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" God Be With You

+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Dykes

+ 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 Eduation Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Today
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)

Monday
5:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds - Put up Christmas Tree

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Thursday
Happy Thanksgiving!
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

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

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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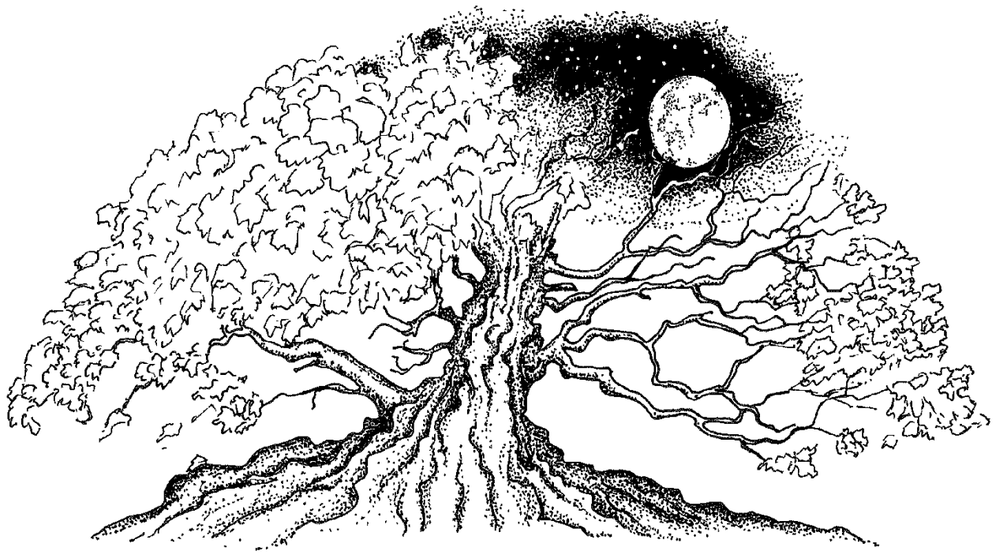
Sunday, November 15, 2026 - Attendance: 44

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

"Of Goats and Sheep"
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
David Mills
November 22, 2026

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