



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour Prelude	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Fischer
Welcome and Announcements Choral Call to Worship Prayer of Praise and Adoration	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	Kilpatrick

Call to Worship

The word of God is near to us.
Call on the Lord and you will be saved.
 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in love.
 Let all who thirst come to the waters;
Let all who are hungry come and eat.
 In Christ there is a new creation.
The old has passed away; everything is new!
 Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 314 *Christ, Be Our Light* Farrell

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation*

Choral Prayer Response *As A Child Rests* Walker
(Psalm 131)

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Anthem *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* Adoro te devote
arr. Scott

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God **Hebrew Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalter: Psalm 23
New Testament: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Children's Message

Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon "Who Sinned?" Reverend B.J. Chain

The Baptism of Eleanor Hill

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 # 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* St. Columba

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan

+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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+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.

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude *Deep River* Keveren

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

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk
Class of 2023 Lee Hackett-1
 Steve Porter-2
 Tori Pumphrey-4
 Thomas Richardson-3
Class of 2024 Fran Brown -1
 Dennis Harmon -1
 Susan Smith -2
 Cathy Young -4
Class of 2025 Colleen Albright-3
 Hope Devenney-4
 Taylor Richardson-2
 Tom Richardson-3
 Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2023 Ed Oakes-3
 Lezli Waits-4
 Steve Wilkes-2
Class of 2024 Angela Gardner -2
 Marthale Porter -1
 Emma Richardson-3
Class of 2025 Dorothy Fortman-1
 Hillary Richardson-3
 Anna Jones -4
 Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

**We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

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.

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes Sister)
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes Mother)
Health Concerns

Bridgette Beinhour
(Ed Oakes Cousin)
Health Concerns

Emmagene Crunk
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
Health Concerns

Al Hatcher
Health Concerns

Richard Brown
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones Mother)
Health Concerns

Kathy Goodwin
Surgery Recovery

Sherri Musgrove
(Friend of Anna Jones)
Breast Cancer

Mike Longton
Heart Issues

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

Today	8:30 a.m. Session Meeting 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m. AA Group
Wednesday	12:30 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday	5:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 2 Cents A Meal Offering Fellowship Lunch Following Worship Shepherding Group 1

Helping Hands

Hunger is a growing issue in our community.
If you are shopping this week, please consider this need.
Immediate needs are: instant mashed potato packets, potted meat, spam, and ready to eat soups.
When purchasing canned items,
please attempt to purchase pop top cans.

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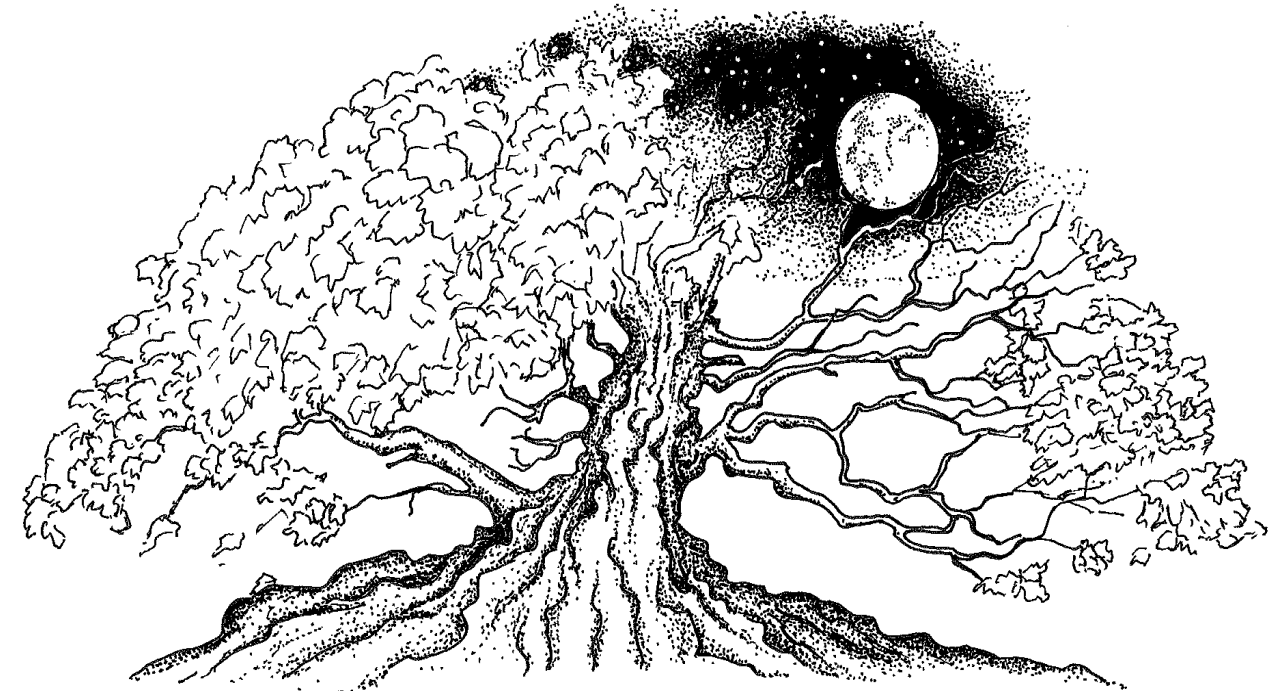
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Who Sinned?”

Reverend B.J. Chain
March 19, 2023

