

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Sharon Hand

* Call to Worship Sharon Hand

Come, all who seek healing and renewal.

We come, like Naaman, hoping to be made clean.

Come, all who long to give thanks and praise.

We come, like the one healed leper, returning to thank Jesus.

God's mercy meets us in unexpected ways—through simple acts of obedience and heartfelt gratitude.

We come to worship the God who heals, restores, and makes us whole.

*Hymn of Gathering "All Who Love and Serve Your City" #351

*Call to Confession Sharon Hand

God invites us to come honestly, bringing our wounds, our pride, and our need for grace. Like Naaman, we are called to trust God's ways even when they seem simple. Like the lepers, we are called to return in gratitude for all God has done. Let us confess our sins before the Lord who heals and forgives.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Merciful God, You offer us cleansing and new life, yet we often turn away in pride or doubt. We look for dramatic signs of Your presence, while ignoring the quiet ways You heal and restore us. We receive Your blessings but forget to give thanks. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us clean from sin, renew our hearts with gratitude, and make us ready to follow wherever You lead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Sharon Hand

Hear the good news: God's mercy flows freely to all who turn and trust. Just as Naaman was made clean, and the leper was made whole, so too are we washed in God's grace and restored to new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Stanley Hand

Prayer of Illumination

Healing God, As we hear Your Word today, open our hearts to receive Your truth. Cleanse our thoughts, renew our spirits, and help us listen with gratitude and faith. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us ready to be healed, transformed, and sent to serve. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Sharon Hand
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Anthem Amazing Grace arranged Duet by
by Marianne Kim. Dr. Crowell &
Emily Clem

Second Reading Luke 17:11-19 Rev. Bob Phelps
p. 1,037

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What the Outsider Sees" Rev. Phelps

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Unison
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 quick 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.

*Hymn of Praise "Wash, O God, Your Son and Daughters" #490

Prayers of The People Sharon Hand

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Dr. Crowell

*Doxology

**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 Dedication Sharon Hand

*Hymn of Praise "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" #438

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Phelps

*Hymn of Sending Fill My Cup (refrain only) #699
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Let it overflow with love.

* Postlude Dr. Crowell

October 12, 2025 Congregational Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a nominating committee, slate of officers, and hear the recommendation from PNC.

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home) Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Carol Quillen (Healing) Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Gene Quillen (Healing) Bonnie Noel (Healing)
Stephen Ware (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Wendy Jordan (Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Kim Fears (Healing, friend of Jim May and Jan Ruth)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Donnie May (Healing & Grief, cousin of Jim May)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
William Kennedy (Healing, cousin to David Lyle)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Karan Baker	Cindy Witt	DeAnna McNeil
Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware	Chris Shindorf
Stanley Hand	Tom Clem	David Lyle

Trustee

John Noel Price Boyd David Whitten

PNC

Hal Baker Karla Barnes Stanley Hand Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg John Noel (Chair) Libby Shindorf

Staff

Office Administrator:

Margaret Lotz
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Treasurer:

Julie McNeese

Choir Director:

Erica Hand

Nursery:

Alice Whitt

Today's Services:

Sermon

Rev. Bob Phelps

Liturgist

Elder Sharon Hand

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

October 19th- Suzanne Paysinger
October 26th- Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

October 19th- Randi Harbin
October 26th- Julie McNeese

Communion Prep:

November 2nd- Karan Baker

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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

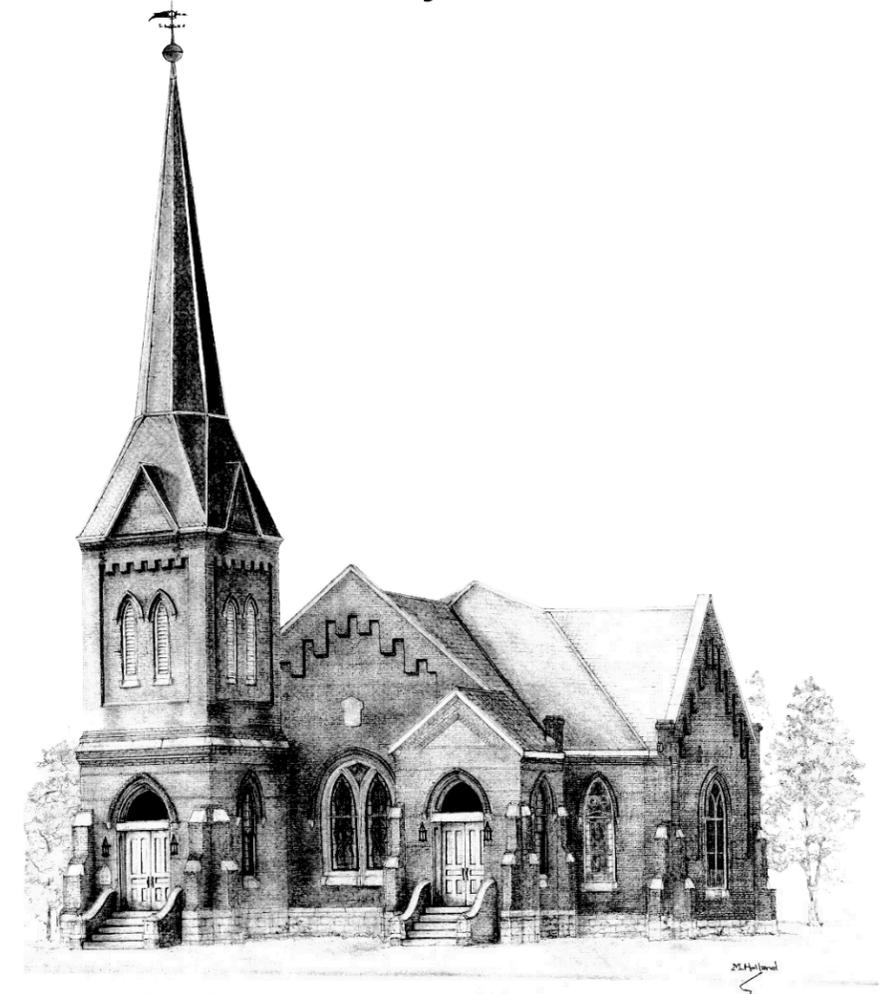
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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.