

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" Marianne Kim

Welcome and Announcements Elder John Noel

\* Call to Worship John Noel

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**You know when we sit down and when we rise up.**

You discern our thoughts from far away; you are acquainted with all our ways.

**Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?**

Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day.

**Come, let us worship the God who knows us, calls us, and loves us still.**

\*Hymn of Gathering "Here I am Lord" #69

\*Call to Confession John Noel

God knows us completely—our actions and our intentions, our hopes and our failings. Yet God's knowledge of us is not for condemnation, but for healing and grace. Let us come before God in humility and truth, trusting in the mercy revealed in Jesus Christ.

\* Prayer of Confession Unison

**Gracious God, You have searched us and known us, and still we hide from you. We confess that we turn away from your call—preferring our own paths to your way of truth. You invite us to "come and see," yet we hesitate, distracted by fear and doubt. Forgive us when we fail to follow, when we choose darkness over your light. Search our hearts, O God, cleanse us from all that keeps us from you, and lead us in the way everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Truesdel

Hear the good news: Just as Jesus called his disciples, he calls us still—not because we are perfect, but because we are loved. The One who knows us completely also forgives us completely. 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 Cindy Witt

Prayer of Illumination

God of truth and light, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds to your presence. Search us by your Spirit, that we may hear your voice calling us by name. Lead us from darkness into your marvelous light, and give us courage to follow where Christ leads.

Amen.

First Reading Psalm 139: 1-12 John Noel  
p. 139

Anthem Choir

Second Reading John 1: 35-51 Dr. Rev. Jim Truesdell  
p. 1,050

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Come and See" Dr. Truesdell

## 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12

Prayers of The People Dr. Truesdell

\*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 "'I Need Thee Every Hour" Anna Laura Page

\*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 Dr. Truesdell

\*Hymn of Praise "Will You Come and Follow Me" #??

\*Charge and Benediction Dr. Truesdell

\*Hymn of Sending "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #542  
(First Verse only)

\* Postlude "No, Not One!" Marty Parks

*\*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)          | Charlotte Lyle (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)  
Gerry Smith ( Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)  
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 |
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### PNC

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

### Staff

#### **Office Administrator:**

Margaret Lotz  
fpcathens@fpcathens.org

#### **Treasurer:**

Julie McNeese

#### **Choir Director:**

Erica Hand

#### **Nursery:**

Alice Whitt

## Today's Services:

### Sermon

Dr. Rev. Jim Truesdell

### Liturgist

Elder John Noel

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Volunteers:

#### **Church Nursery:**

November 23rd-Jennifer Quillen  
November 30<sup>th</sup> -Katherine Greene

#### **Liturgist:**

November 16th -John Noel  
November 23rd-Stanley Hand

#### **Communion Prep:**

November 23rd- David Lyle  
December 24th-David Lyle/ Cindy Witt

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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

To sign up for flowers call the church office.

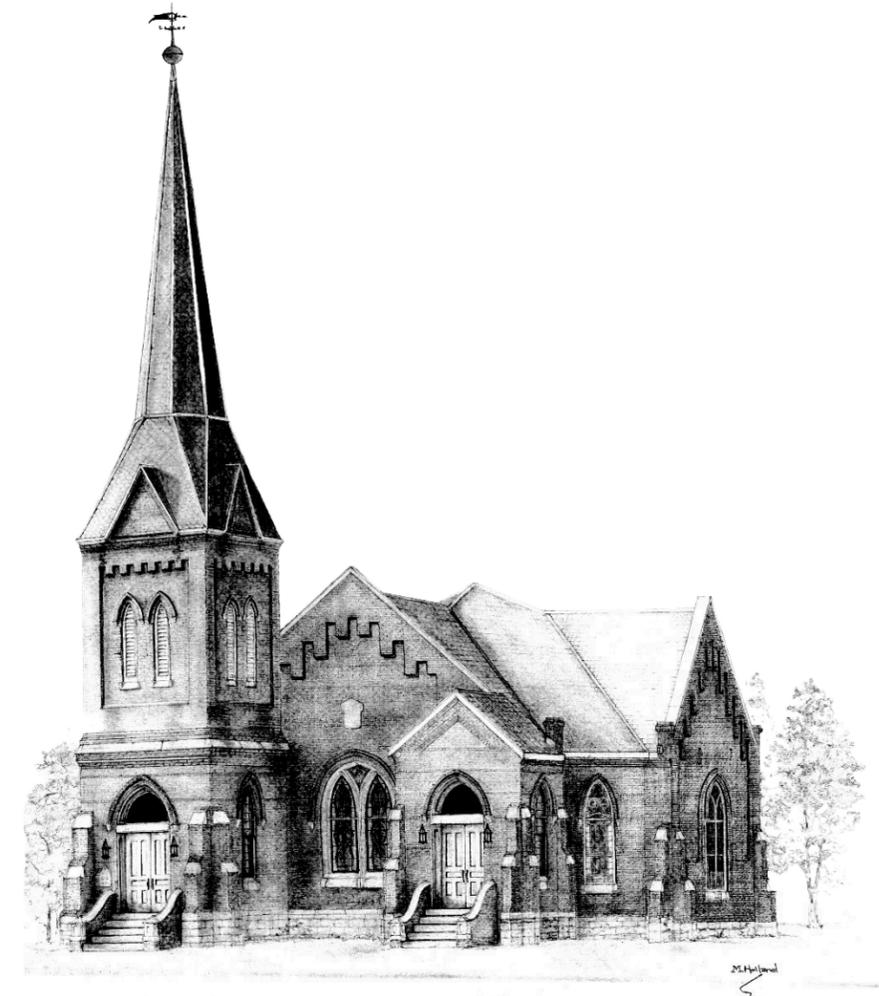


### *Prayer Family*

First Presbyterian Church would like to offer prayers of thanksgiving and welcome  
Dr. Rev. Jim and Sonja Truesdell

November 15, 2025

25th Sunday after Pentecost



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*We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.*

*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.*