

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Hugh S. Livingstone, Jr

Welcome and Announcements Christy Arnett

* Call to Worship Christy Arnett

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is faithful in all His words and gracious in all His deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Let us worship the God whose kingdom is everlasting,

And whose faithfulness endures through all generations.

*Hymn of Gathering "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

*Call to Confession Christy Arnett

Even as we praise God's steadfast love and faithfulness, we confess that our hearts are often troubled and our faith unsteady. Let us come before the Lord, who strengthens us and calls us to stand firm in the truth of the gospel.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Merciful God, You are faithful in every generation, but we confess that we are easily led astray by fear and doubt. We listen to voices that deceive rather than trust in Your truth. We forget Your promises and lose heart when the world feels uncertain. Forgive us when we rely on our own understanding instead of Your steadfast word. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may hold fast to the traditions of faith and live as people of hope and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Christy Arnett

Hear the good news: "God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." In Christ, we are strengthened in every good work and word. 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

Faithful God, Your Word is trustworthy and true. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to receive Your message today. Help us to stand firm in the truth, to be comforted by Your grace, and to live as witnesses to Your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 Christy Arnett
pgs. 621-22

Anthem Choir

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Rev. Bob Phelps
p. 1,172-3

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Stand Firm; Hold Fast" 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 "How Firm a Foundation" #463

Prayers of The People Christy Arnett

*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 Walked With God This Day" Tom Birchwood

*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 Christy Arnett

*Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Phelps

*Hymn of Sending Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet #458
(refrain only)

* Postlude "As We Depart" Robert W. Thygerson

**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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Rev. Bob Phelps

Liturgist

Christy Arnett

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

November 16th - Suzanne Paysinger
November 23rd-Jennifer Quillen

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 in honor of all Veterans by David and Ruth Whitten

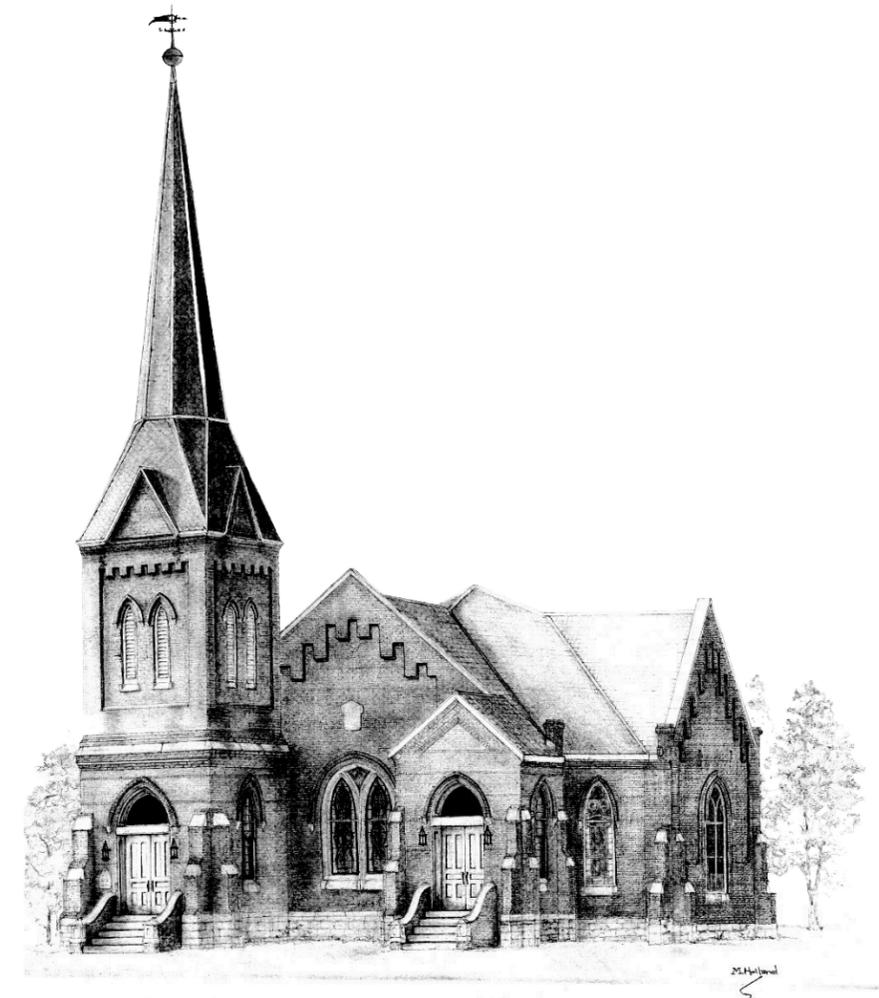


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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.