

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP		
Prelude	For the Beauty of the Earth	Dr. Mary Crowell
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Jim Truesdell
* Call to Worship	Psalms 116: 12-13	Elder Julie McNeese
What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us? We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord		
*Hymn	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!	#804
*Prayer	Julie McNeese	
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.		
Kyrie Eleison	Unison	
You are the Lord giver of mercy! You are the Christ giver of mercy! You are the Lord giver of mercy!		
Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Truesdell
*Sharing the Peace of Christ		Pastor Truesdell
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. ALL: Also with you.		

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD		
"This Little Light of Mine"		
Time with Young Disciples		Pastor Truesdell
Prayer for Illumination	Listen to the Word That God has Spoken	Unison
Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don’t understand.		
*NT Reading	Acts 11:19-30 pg. 1090	Julie McNeese
*Response	Leader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.	
Anthem	Glory to God	arr. Joel Raney
New Testament Reading: Acts 13:1-3		
Sermon	Apprenticeship to Jesus: Where is your Antioch? Sermon 5 of 6	Pastor Truesdell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE		
Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering		
Offertory	All Creatures of Our God and King	Dr. Crowell
*Doxology	Dr. Crowell	
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		
*Hymn	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	#516
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation to the Lord's Table		
Thanksgiving		
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.		
Words of Insitution		
Sharing the Bread and Cup		
All bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served.		
Special Music	Ubi caritas and Adorno te devote	Michael Larkin
Prayer After Communion		
*Hymn	Now Thank We All Our God	#643
*Charge		
*Benediction		
* Postlude	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Dr. Crowell
<i>*Stand if you are able</i>		

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)	

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O’Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Joshua Hargrove – Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East	Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle’s uncle)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)
Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)
Widower Heath, Children Bess and David (Grieving Laura Christopher, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)
Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)
Macie Garrett (Healing, 12 years old, great niece of Christy Arnett)
Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)
Phillip Love (Healing, family member of Jan Ruth)
Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)
Dale King (Health/Healing, grandfather of Kelly Wessler)

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!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games every Monday night at Revival
- Potter’s hand meets every Wednesday morning from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00
- Visitors and New Members Lunch: August 2nd at 11:00 am in the Rodger’s Center. If you are interested in First Presbyterian on the Square and would like an opportunity to ask questions or seek clarity on any matter, this is a great time to meet in a relaxed environment

Staff

Pastor:
Pastor Jim Truesdell

Office Administrator:
Kelly Wessler

Treasurers:
Julie McNeese

Choir Director:
Erica Hand

Session

Class of 2026: Tom Clem
Cindy Whitt
Stephen Ware
Price Boyd

Class of 2027: David Lyle
DeAnna McNeill
Chris Shinforf
David Whitten

Class of 2028: Hal Baker
Brad Greene
Sharon Hand
Jerry Witt

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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God. To sign up for flowers, call the church office.



August 2, 2026

10th Sunday After Pentecost



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Do what Jesus did.

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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.