

October 8, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Hyfrydol* Manz

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Fred Harris
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the LORD O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

The LORD forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases.

The LORD redeems our lives from the pit, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

The LORD satisfies us with good as long as we live.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (adapted from Psalm 103)

***Processional Hymn 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King,*
(verses 1-2, 4 & 6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, in the Psalms we read this confession, which we share, "*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions*" [Psalm 51]. We join with the psalm-writer to admit our need for God to have God's way more and more in every dimension of our lives. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, we admit how great is our need for you in our lives. In fact, without your guiding, sustaining and loving presence in our lives, we would have little purpose or direction. And yet, we sometimes turn away from you to do what we want when we want. We do not always ask for your wise guidance before we decide. And, too rarely do we thank you for all the blessings that you have already given us. Forgive us, O God, we pray. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Make us more and more the people and church that you want us to be, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Listen again to the good news! Isaiah speaks of the Christ when he prophesies, "*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows . . . he was sounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed*" [Isaiah 53]. These words of the prophet were fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, our Crucified Savior and Resurrected Lord. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Congregational Meeting the Election of Elders in the Class of 2026

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Allegretto, No. 4* Schumann

***Praise of God**

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**

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church, USA

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

Preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Message to the Children

Prayers of the People and 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.

***Hymn 722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Daniel 3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message "SURPRISING HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, V:
Leaders in the Fiery Furnace" Dr. Sansbury

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (see insert) WEBB

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Go with us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Postlude on "Blest are They"* Keesecker

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of D. W. Moore, Jr. by B.J. Moore.

The Church This Week (10/8/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of October 8, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Atha Lou Gibson
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
Beth O'Neal
Bobbie Jones
Keller Smith
Gene Brymer

WELCOME to worship! We are glad that you have joined us today!

DR. SANSBURY has completed his thirteen months of service as our interim pastor. The elders have asked him to preach and lead worship for us today and next Sunday, October 15. Read Mark 10.35-45 and John 13 to prepare for worship for next Sunday.

The elders have called for a congregational meeting during the worship service today. Our meeting purpose is to hear and act on a recommendation of the Officer Nominating Committee. The ONC will recommend the following persons to be elected as elders in the class of 2026: Mary Anderson, Kristen Miller, Richard Pierce and Andrew McLeod. ONC members are Dan Tillman (chair), Cathy Chapman, Becky Childers, Richard Pierce and Cam Beck.

Our new pastor, the Rev. Max Michaels, will begin his work with us on November 13. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be November 19.

Mission Outreach Ministry will have a church grounds clean up day Saturday, October 28th from 8:00 until 12:00. Bring rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. Our main focus will be on cleaning up the backyard of the Fellowship Building and manse yard.

Our church is growing and we are so excited. The number of children attending nursery during worship has increased and we need your help! We ask that **any adult** who is willing to keep the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link listed below. We ask that **parents** with a young child attending nursery, please help us by signing up for a Sunday every other month. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our nursery.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

Lindsey Bennett needs our help collecting gallon and half gallon milk jugs to do a project with Pathfinders for the Jazz Festival. They plan to make musical instruments for the Bebop parade. There will be a plastic laundry basket near the nursery area for you to put the jugs in. Please save your empty milk jugs for this project. Thank you for your help in this project.

NEW! Preschool Pastor's Pals! Look for the green tags labeled, "preschool," for activity bags specially designed for children ages 2-4! Bags without a green label are for ages 1st-5th grades. If you take a bag at the beginning of the service, we simply ask that you place all items back in the bag and return to the narthex when finished. Please dispose of any paper trash. We hope you enjoy and may God bless our little ones!

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2023

Gina Goddard
John Joyce
Christie McLeod
Calvin Phillips
Charlene Tillman

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch
Cathy Chapman
David Nagel
Dan Tillman, III
Jennifer Tillman

Class of 2025

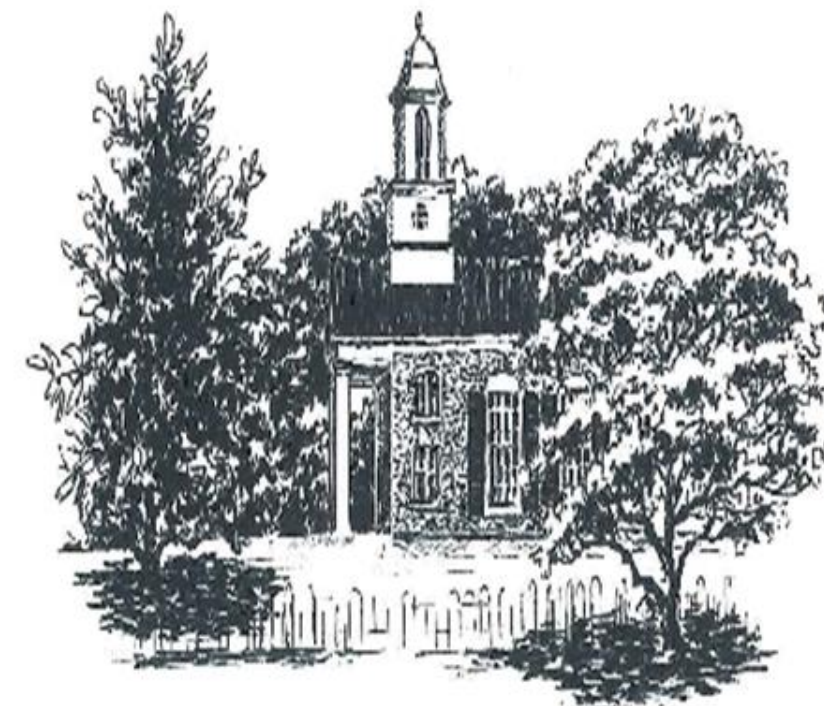
Kelli Beck
Avery Dickson
Mary Jane Evans
Jean Page Watson

The Church Staff

Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

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