

September 14, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
PADD Sunday

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Fanfare and Prelude to a New Beginning Douglas Wagner

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107) Kristen Miller  
Rejoice with me, people of God.  
God has gathered us in from the wilderness.  
Rejoice with me, people of God.  
God has swept away the darkness of the night.  
Rejoice with me, people of God.  
Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

\*Hymn 511 Come Behold the Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR

Invitation to Confession  
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. With confidence born out of faith in Christ’s power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin

Prayer of Confession  
God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. We imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home - until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Assurance of Pardon  
Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life. In Christ’s name, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

\*Holy Interruption  
  
\*Gloria Patri  
  
Choral Anthem How Can I Keep From Singing (Chancel Choir) Traditional American

We Receive God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Woven In Prayer: Home” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)  
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

\*Hymn 522 I Am the Bread of Life I AM THE BREAD

Moment for Mission: Presbyterian Agency for Developmentally Disabled

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Don Hustad

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH  
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.

Sacrament of Communion  
Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music Your Love, O Lord/Nearer, My God to Thee Mary Louise Baker

Your love, oh Lord  
Reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide  
I will lift my voice  
To worship You, my King  
I will find my strength  
In the shadow of your wings

Nearer, my God to Thee  
Nearer to Thee!  
E’en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me  
Still all my song shall be  
Nearer, my God to Thee  
Nearer my God, to Thee  
Nearer to Thee!

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

\*Hymn 702 Christ Be Beside Me BUNESSAN

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response Let There be Peace on Earth Jackson/Webb  
(Chancel Choir)

\*Postlude The Church’s One Foundation Don Hustad

Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.

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

Acolytes:     Brylee Denham & Charlotte Folger

| The Church This Week (9/14/2025) |            |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Today                            | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
|                                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship       |
|                                  | 2:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir |
| Mon.                             | 8:30 a.m.  | MMO           |
| Tue.                             | 6:00 p.m.  | CBS           |
| Wed.                             | 8:30 a.m.  | MMO           |
|                                  | 9:00 a.m.  | CBS           |
| Sun.                             | 3:15 p.m.  | Fun Program   |
|                                  | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
|                                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship       |

Prayer List as of September 14, 2025

Gerry Rogers  
Ina Coggeshall  
Gray & Bea Sloop  
Benny Moore  
Bobbie Jones  
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
B.J. Moore  
Louise Carpenter  
Shirley Brock  
Edward Tinsley  
Ruth Jackson  
Marion Murphy  
Kathie Cook  
Kity G. Grubb-niece of Brother Davis  
Nadia Harris  
Stasa Petros

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.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for July - September

|          |                  |                       |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| July 6   | Cathy Chapman    | Heather Tucker        |
| July 13  | Laura Folger     | Maggie Barton         |
| July20   | Alison Chapman   | Kelli Beck            |
| July 27  | Jean Page Watson | Beth Witherspoon      |
| Aug. 3   | Maggie Barton    | Brittany Tillman      |
| Aug. 10  | Alison Chapman   | Brittany Tillman      |
| Aug. 17  | Jessie/Lainey    | Jenny Michaels        |
| Aug. 24  | Charlene Tillman | Heather Tucker        |
| Aug. 31  | Jean Page Watson | Steve Cook            |
| Sept. 7  | Laura Folger     | Marietta Melton Burch |
| Sept. 14 | Kelli Beck       | Steve Cook            |
| Sept. 21 | Jessie/Lainey    | Heather Tucker        |
| Sept. 28 | Beth Witherspoon | Jean Page Watson      |

**"PADD: Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled**  
PADD was founded by the Presbytery of New Harmony. Chartered as a subunit of PCUSA as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in 2000. They maintain a close link with our Presbytery and its congregations. PADD is a Qualified Provider for SCDDSN, and their Mission is to provide the highest quality of life and the greatest level of independence for each resident within the context of a community-based residential facility. The purpose of PADD is to: build and operate homes; coordinate community services; create training and support programs; maintain standards; and raise funding."

Session of First Presbyterian Church

| Class of 2025    | Class of 2026  | Class of 2027   |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Kelli Beck       | Mary Anderson  | Mike Chapman    |
| Avery Dickson    | Andrew McLeod  | Christie McLeod |
| Mary Jane Evans  | Kristen Miller | Tracie Phillips |
| Jean Page Watson | Richard Pierce | Harold Watson   |

The Church Staff

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| Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor     | Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE |
| Mrs. Danielle Self, Secretary     |                                             |
| Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton      | Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO              |
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| Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery          |                                             |



Our Vision

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

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