

September 28, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Fun Program Chimes arr. by Lowenburg

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146) Jean Page Watson
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!
Come! Praise the Lord!
The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 15 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Invitation to Confession
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the chasm between us.

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

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 Do the Good You Know Mike Wilson
(Fun Program Choir)
Madelyn Tinsley, Sara Gavin, Hank Parker, & Lydia Fenters, soloists; Knox Miller & Ella Morgan, flag bearers

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Amos 6:1, 4-7
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Woven in Prayer: Jesus He Knows Me”
Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)
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 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. by Thompson
Fun Program Bells

*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.

Prayer of Dedication
We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response You Have Put on Christ BAPTIZED IN CHRIST
(Fun Program)
Brylee Denham & Dylan Gilpin, xylophones; Charlotte Folger & Juliette Carroll, hand chimes; Annie McDiarmid, piano

*Postlude Praeludium in C, BuxWv137 Buxtehude
(Jackson Alexander, organist)

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: Blair & Kane Driggers

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bobby Rogers, by the Rogers Family.

<u>The Church This Week (9/28/2025)</u>		
Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Fundraiser
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of September 28, 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

Spaghetti / Karaoke Fundraiser

Come & support the Chancel Choir for a Spaghetti/Karaoke fundraiser **THIS Wednesday, October 1st at 5:30pm!** We are raising money for special music & guest musicians so that we can continue providing dynamic, worshipful music for years to come.

We also have to-go plates for \$10.00 which include spaghetti, salad, bread, and a dessert.

The karaoke part is going to be so fun! If you'd like to participate, when you arrive, sign up with a song already in mind, making sure the song has a Karaoke option on YouTube. Don't know what you want to sing? No problem! Mrs. Weiz will have a song list ready for you to choose from. You do not have to be a singer to participate. It's just something FUN!!!

The success of our music ministry is dependent on your support, and we appreciate your help. Hope to see you there!

The Community Women’s Bible Study

The Community Women’s Bible Study will begin a new series, *Heaven* by Jennifer Rothschild, October 7th at 6pm or Wednesday October 8th at 9am. Pick the time and date that works best for you! The series will run 6 weeks. Books can be ordered online through Amazon or Christianbook.com. See Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips with questions or assistance ordering.

Congregational Meeting on October 12th

After service on Sunday, October 12th, 2025, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on and approve the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



Our Vision

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

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Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

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