

**Church Staff**

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**Week of October 1 - Prayers of the People**

Rusty Vann  
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Frances Hasty  
Paul and Alice Butler  
Lane Pittman  
Robert Norfleet  
Emily Bond  
Monica Manley  
Kathryn Duck

**October Birthdays**

1 Kyle McCormick  
3 Michele Graupmann  
3 Barbara Bond  
11 Robby Pond  
14 Merle Gootee, III  
16 Amanda McCormick

21 Todd Taylor  
21 Gail Pittman  
24 John Fay  
25 Frances Hasty  
30 Tom Goolsby  
31 Matthew Goodrich

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

**Order of Worship**

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning’s worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor’s form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! **Today, we have Skip Baker-Smith filling our pulpit. Thank you, Skip!***

Prelude “Elevation” Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

We gather from the West to the East

**From the South to the North**

To celebrate and give thanks to the Creator of Life. In each and every circumstance

**We praise God’s name.**

Let us Worship the Lord, our God.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn 515

“I Come with Joy”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Faced with God's goodness, we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's Mercy, we are bold to tell the truth about ourselves and about our world. With our confidence as God's children of God's Love, let us confess our sin.

**\*\*Gracious and Loving Lord, creator of all life, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity. Yet, rather than sharing that amazing abundance, we often are guided by our fear of failure or loss. Then, we think more of ourselves than others. Then, we shut down or build walls to stay safe and comfortable. Help us, Jesus, to take you more seriously every day. Guide us toward heaven with wisdom and with courage. So that when we fail You; we can rely and trust your promise of God’s eternal Love. In your mercy, forgive us.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

God has accepted us simply and surely because of our faith in Christ Jesus. It is with deep joy and complete confidence that we are bold to say: Friends, Believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we ARE forgiven!**

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Response "Sing A New Song"  
**\*\*Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Halleluiah! (repeat)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" Althouse

\*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.**

Time with Children

The Lesson Philippians 2: 1-11  
Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset** as Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature like God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**Therefore**, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon "Following Jesus in a Literate World" Rev. Skip Baker-Smith  
(a two-part message)

\*Hymn 518 "Your Only Son"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **\*\*And also, with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **\*\*We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **\*\*It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**\*\*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**\*\*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**\*\*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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People  
Today's communion bread represents cultures from around the world.

Benediction

\*Hymn Insert "Jesus Be with Us"

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Peace of Christ be with you.  
**\*\*And also with you.**  
Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!



There will be another OFFICE PAINT PARTY on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Please join if you are able!  
Email Gail Pittman at [gailtu@aol.com](mailto:gailtu@aol.com) to sign up to help!