

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 6, 2024 – 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.

Prelude

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our creator promised from the beginning that we would not be alone.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our redeemer proclaimed that everyone is welcome.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our sustainer speaks to us still.

*Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

Invitation to Confession

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

Creator God, from the beginning, you made us for connection. Help us to nurture kinship wherever we find it, whether the bonds in our lives are romantic or platonic, familial or friendly. When we feel alone, assure us of your sustaining presence. Help us to recognize your Spirit among us in the support we share for one another, and deepen our understanding of your love as we seek to understand each other more deeply. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all of our sins, keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Response

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276

Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

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

*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.

*Apostles' Creed

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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.

Time with the Children

Hymn 415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Presbyterian Women - A Special Report - Alice Butler

First Lesson

Psalm 118: 13-14

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Second Lesson

Matthew 11: 28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Sermon

"A Heavy Load"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

*Hymn 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day
To follow the Gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your spirit and show us your way.
Jesus, be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
Scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need.

*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 snacks after worship!

Today's liturgist – Pat Sparks



!!!TWINS!!!

Ember and Everest

On October 20, 2024, Women of the Church will host a baby shower for Gabrielle and Matthew Goodrich. The congregation is invited to the event, which will be held in the fellowship hall following Sunday worship. Gabrielle and Matthew are registered at Amazon. Their baby colors are lavender and grey.



Scan the QR code to the left to access the registry.



On October 13, 2024, immediately following the service, there will be a congregational meeting to hear the report from the Elder Nominating Committee and to elect the class of 2027.

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Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp
Wayne Braswell
Connie, friend of Oralie
Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett
Monica Manley
Jackie LaPonte
Maria Rhodes
Gus Spanos
The family of Mike Mike Taylor
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Dana Arden

Jean Byers
David Stuart, Mary's brother
Paul and Alice Butler
Oralie Wilhite
Robert & Peggy Norfleet
Kathy Goolsby
Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Barbara Bond
Sonia Powell
Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Mae Holoman

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Cameron McCormick
Norma Halterman
Todd Taylor
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michele Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

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
30 Tom Goolsby
31 Matthew Goodrich