

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 13, 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 "The Lone Wild Bird" arr. Held

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.

We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.

*Hymn 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Invitation to Confession

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

All-knowing God, when we consider the vastness of your works, it can be easy to feel insignificant. When we think about the abundance of your love, it can feel as though we do not have enough to offer. Release us from our shame and the comparisons and judgments that weigh us down. Free us from our insistence on scarcity, that we might discover your infinite grace among us and within us. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

I recognize by faith that God has proven His love to me in sending His Son to die in my place, in whom every provision has already been made for my past, present, and future needs through His representative work, and that I have been quickened, raised, seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenlies, and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

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 "The Morning Trumpet" From *Sacred Harp*
John Hackworth, trumpet

**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

October Birthday Blessing – All with October birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing.

Hymn 725

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Prayers of the People

****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.**

First Lesson

Hebrews 4: 12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Second Lesson

Mark 10: 17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Sermon "Just A Bit More" The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 735 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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.

Today, October 13, 2024, immediately following the service we will be having 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

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| Alice Lerp | Jean Byers |
| Wayne Braswell | David Stuart, Mary's brother |
| Connie, friend of Oralie | Paul and Alice Butler |
| Lane Pittman | Oralie Wilhite |
| Josh Bennett | Robert and Peggy Norfleet |
| Monica Manley | Kathy Goolsby |
| Jackie LaPonte | Betty Hunt, friend of Michele |
| Maria Rhodes | Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall |
| Gus Spanos | Barbara Bond |
| The family of Mike Mike Taylor | Sonia Powell |
| Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa | Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law |
| Dana Arden | Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi |
| 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