

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

August 17th 8:30am Chapel Worship

We are glad you have joined us to worship God together

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Mike Shelton, Rev. Russ Pearson, and Amy Smith

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

You are the One who builds, sustains, and blesses.

Yet we confess that we often forget that.

We seek to earn Your favor with our work, forgetting that Your love is already given.

We plan grand things in Your name, but fail to listen for Your voice.

We grow impatient with Your timing, and assume our way is better.

Forgive us, O Lord. Shape our hearts to rest in Your promises, to trust in Your steadfast love, and to walk in the ways You have prepared for us...

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

II Samuel 7

SERMON

"One Complicated Story"

Rev. Dr. Mike Shelton

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*HYMN OF SENDING #321

"The Church's One Foundation"
(verses 1, 2, and 5)

*BENEDICTION

Opportunities for Connection

Interested in baptism or becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Let us know!
Talk to one of our pastors or call the church 423-245-0104.

Prayer List

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of Joseph “Joe” Hilliard Lane, Sr. (former FPC member) upon his death on August 2, 2025, in Raleigh, NC.

With joy and gratitude, we share that **Carolyn Doerfert** is back home from NHC.

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online,
placed in the offering plate as you leave or mailed to the church.



The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and are presented by Don and Karen Thompson
in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary (August 17, 1984).

Flower Delivery

Eva Pearson

Greeter & Usher

Gerry Mayberry

Birthdays and Prayers of the Week

August 17: Bob Stoots

August 18: Lindsey McInturff

August 19: Karen Reed-Wright

August 21: Will Barbour, Alan Ruffel

August 22: Agnese Goin, Sarah Barbour, Arielle Sprinkle

August 23: Jane Boyd, Beth Williams

BLT Lunch!

Please join us for BLTs today in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also officially welcome our new Director of Music Ministries, Amy Smith, at this time.

Youth Group Today

All parents, youth, and children are invited to reconnect with some pizza and some dumb jokes on Sunday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Center. Bring a small dessert to share! No program, just food and fellowship. (And the basketball goal will be up!)

Second Harvest Work Day

First Presbyterian Church volunteers will be working at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on Wednesday, August 20. Please join us if you can. Call or text Bob Stoots at 423-782-6280 to sign up and indicate your time preference: morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.), afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.) or both!

Storytelling Trip to Jonesborough

Six tickets are still available for the storytelling trip to see Andy Offutt Irwin on August 28. We will be leaving the church at 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Notify Barbara Foust at 423-306-6514 as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Please be aware the 10:30 a.m. service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.

WIFI Network: FPC-K-GUEST

Password: Genesis1:3-4