

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

August 17th 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

We are glad you have joined us to worship God together

Leading Worship Today

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Joel Raney

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

***Lord Prepare me, to be a Sanctuary; Pure and Holy, Tried and True;
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary, for You***

A READING FROM PSALM 51...

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG #475

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

Patient and Loving God, we come before you, just as the tax collector did in the temple that day, with a humble heart and a deep need for Your grace. We know that we are not perfect, and we have made mistakes.

Like the Pharisee, sometimes we feel proud of what we do right, thinking we are better than others. But today, we bring our true selves before You, laying down any self-righteousness. Hear us God as we confess to you...

SACRED SILENCE

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*HOLY INTERRUPTION: *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE

"Humbled into Hope"

Rev. Russ Pearson

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"
Chancel Choir

arr., John Ness Beck

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF SENDING

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

GTG #435

*BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE #543

"O Christ Surround Me"
(verse 3)

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).

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Eva Pearson

Greeters and Ushers

Mitch, Greta and Gemma Robinette

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 Today!

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