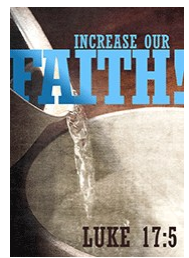


Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

10:30am Sanctuary Worship

August 31, 2025



We are glad you have joined us to worship God together

Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith, Jim Amstutz, and Rev. Dr. Mike Shelton

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Pierce Dickens

WELCOME AND PRAYER

GREETING

Leader: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

People: We will walk by faith, and not just by sight.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

God of our ancestors - Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua - you call us to reverence, but we have been apathetic in our worship. You call us to a life of faithfulness, but we have lacked faith. We belong to Christ, but our discipleship has become routine. We go through the motions rather than seeing each moment as an opportunity to serve you with our whole heart. Gracious God, your faithfulness endures to all generations. Pour out your Spirit on your people, once again, that we may seek you with vigor, and serve you with renewed purpose.

SACRED SILENCE

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-6*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17: 1-6*

SERMON

"When Nothing is Certain, Everything is Possible"

Rev. Dr. Mike Shelton

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Craig Courtney

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 840

"When Peace like a River"

*BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE #543

"O Christ Surround Me"
(verse 5)

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.

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 in honor of the Clothes Closet Volunteers
by Don and Karen Thompson.

Sound

Gary Hallen

Flower Delivery

Gary Tucker

Greeters and Ushers

Hunter and Sylvia Wright

Celebration

Congratulations to **Rhys Wilkins** on earning her Eagle Scout Rank on August 26!

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, September 1** for Labor Day. The Clothes Closet will be closed **Tuesday, September 2**.

Wednesday Nights Beginning September 3

The CF&N Committee is excited to start back our CNSs this fall on **Wednesday, September 3**, at 5:30 p.m. The meal will be Italian from Olive Garden, and will include salad and dessert. After dinner we will have a Vespers service at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. The deadline for reservations for dinner is noon on **Tuesday, September 2**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$25.00. *Reservations may be made on the church pew pads, by calling Vickie at 423-245-0104, through the church Website, or through your REALM account. Reservations for each CNS opens at 8:00 a.m. the Saturday before the upcoming CNS date.*

Combined Worship

We will have one combined worship service on **Sunday, September 14** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to be followed by Mike's farewell reception. Please join us for Mike's final Sunday at First Presbyterian.

Called Congregational Meeting

A called congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 14, 2025** at the end of the 10:30 a.m. combined worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the dissolution of Dr. Mike Shelton's call with FPC.

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 21**, for our picnic at the Allandale picnic pavilion. Fellowship time begins at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:00. Braeden's will be our caterer. Please see the September newsletter for details.

Birthdays and Prayers of the Week

Aug. 31: Bill Bovender

Sept. 1: John Christopher Demuth, Lisa Good, Barbara Sanders

Sept. 3: Roger Goin, Charlie Compton, Sam Compton

Sept. 4: Jimmy Dickerson, Eleanor Combs, Claudia Mihovk

Sept. 6: Mark Barbour, Fred Martin

Sept. 7: Gray Stothart, Carol Dixon

Sept. 8: Jim Wright

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

WIFI Network: FPCK-GUEST

Password: Genesis1:3-4