

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

September 14th 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

We are glad you have joined us to worship God together.

Leading Worship Today

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

"Prelude on 'Hymn to Joy'"

Jason D. Payne

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is calling us today.

People: Why is God calling us?

Leader: To be the church, people united by God in faith.

People: God has given us a gift to share, so that if we lean on one another, we can become all that God has called us to be.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

God, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love for us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your creation...

SACRED SILENCE

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Jesus Christ.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading: *Acts 20: 17-38*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9: 21-27*

MESSAGE

"Stay the Course; Testify to God's Grace"

Rev. Dr. Mike Shelton

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"
Chancel Choir

Jody W. Lindh

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF SENDING

"I Can Only Imagine"

Bart Millard

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter C. Lutkin

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Karen Russell, Holston Presbytery

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Opportunities for Connection

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 Mike and Donna Shelton
by Claudia Byrd.

Greeters & Ushers

John, Sarah, Lleyton and Rowan Good

Flower Delivery

Eva Pearson

Sound

Olin Babb

Combined Worship and Called Congregational Meeting Today

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. A called congregational meeting will be held at the end of the service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the dissolution of Dr. Mike Shelton's call with FPC. Please join us for Mike's final Sunday at FPC.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school for younger elementary (4th grade and under) will begin **today at 10:15am upstairs** in the nursery classrooms and last through the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We have enough space to spread out ages and we will adapt as we are able. Our nursery will be open also. During communion Sundays our teachers will bring the kids down for that.

Wednesday Night at FPC

Church Night Supper will be **Wednesday, September 17** at 5:30 p.m. We will have a taco bar and dessert. After dinner we will have a Vespers service at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. The deadline for dinner reservations is noon on **Tuesday, September 16**. 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.*

Church Picnic

The Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 21**, at the Allandale Picnic Pavilion. Fellowship time begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.. Braeden's Barbeque will be our caterer. Pulled pork, pulled turkey, grilled chicken, cowboy baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, water, banana pudding, brownies, and cookies are included in our delicious menu. White Elephant Bingo and other games will round out this fun, family time together with fellow church members. **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, September 14**, at 5 p.m.!

Cost: \$10/person; children 6-10: \$5; \$35 family maximum. (When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.). Make reservations on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer, on Realm, on the church Website (using Realm), or by calling the church at (423) 245-0104. Payment in advance is preferred by these methods: on Realm, on the church Website (using Realm), paying Vickie in the church office, or putting payment in the church offering plate noting Church Picnic in the memo section.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Barter Trip - Saturday, September 27 at 2 p.m. for a musical murder mystery story. Call Barbara Foust ASAP.
Storytelling - Wednesday, October 1 at 2 p.m. - A few seats are available to see Donald Davis. Cost is \$10.

Birthdays and Prayers of the Week

Sept. 14: Henry King

Sept. 15: Cynthia King, Alan Hobbs, Norie-Anne Watts

Sept. 16: Cooper Bunch

Sept. 18: Betty Nelle Duke

Sept. 20: Carl Eilers, Sam Stevens

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