

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

8:30am Chapel Worship

September 21st, 2025

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

Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith, Rev. Russ Pearson, and Rev. Karen Russell

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE "All Creatures of our God and King"

arr. Mark Hayes

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O people of God, praise the Lord!

**People: Blessed is God's name forever.**

Leader: From break of day to setting sun,

**People: Let us praise the name of the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.**

**We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others.**

**We glorify power and wealth instead of worshipping you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure your gifts and to seek the good of all,  
so that we may be a blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 16:1-13*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: Rev. Karen Russell

## SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. World without End. Amen. Amen.***

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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 #69

"Here I Am, Lord"

## 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 loving memory of Gale Joh  
by Valerie Joh.

Greeters & Ushers  
Gerry Mayberry

Flower Delivery  
Betty Blass

## Study the New Testament

Let's read through the New Testament together beginning October 1! Join us at 11:30 after the worship service on **Sunday, September 21** in the Parlor to order your book or get help setting up the app. You can read along in print or in digital format! If you want to read along in print, please **let Russ know by September 21** so we can order books and get them here in time. Reach out to Mary Glenn Lively at 423-963-8310 or [maryglennlively@gmail.com](mailto:maryglennlively@gmail.com) with questions. Also visit [thebiblerecap.com/start](http://thebiblerecap.com/start) for more information and details about the reading program!

## Wednesday Night at FPC

Church Night Supper will be **Wednesday, September 24** at 5:30 p.m. We will have a meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans 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 23**. 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.*

## Upcoming Fellowship Events

Barter Trip - Saturday, September 27 at 2 p.m. for a musical murder mystery story. Cost is \$37.

Storytelling - Wednesday, October 1 at 2 p.m. - A few seats are available to see Donald Davis. Cost is \$10.

Please let Barbara Foust (423-306-6514) know if you are going. **She must know by Monday, September 22.**

## New Photo Display History Room

FPC has been having church picnics for many years. The bulletin board outside the History Room shares candid photos from many of them. Choir picnics, Sunday School Class picnics, BBQ picnics, Square Dancing, and much more. We have gathered at Allandale, Warrior's Path State Park, on the church lawn, and in member homes. Stop by and see if the photos bring back memories of our times together in Christian fellowship.

## Birthdays and Prayers of the Week

**Sept. 22:** Bill Argabrite

**Sept. 25:** Donna Shelton

**Sept. 27:** Gail Cole

*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