

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

8:30am Chapel Worship

September 28, 2025

We are glad you have joined us to worship God together

Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith, Rev. Russ Pearson, and Rev. Sharon Amstutz

CENTERING MUSIC

"Blest Are They"

by David Haas

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good

People: God's love endures forever

HYMN OF PRAISE #377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we ignore the suffering at our very gates.

We cling to comfort and overlook our neighbors in need.

**Forgive us and change us. Open our eyes to the people around us, soften our hearts,
and turn us toward your justice and love... (silent confession)**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:19-31 ~ *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: Rev. Sharon Amstutz

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.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Opportunities for Connection

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

Prayer List

If you have a pastoral concern please contact our Parish Nurse,
Membership Specialist, or the Associate Pastor: 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 presented by The Charles (Cotton) Fortner Family
in loving memory of Gail Britton Fortner.

Greeters & Ushers

Gerry Mayberry

Flower Delivery

Eva Pearson

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Donations may be dropped in the basket on the altar steps during the “Hymn of Sending” for the Sanctuary service. The Grace House – Kingsport Homeless Ministry will receive 50% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Study the New Testament

Let’s read through the New Testament together beginning October 1! You can read along in print or in digital format! Reach out to Mary Glenn Lively at 423-963-8310 or maryglennlively@gmail.com with questions. Also visit thebiblerecap.com/start for more information and details about the reading program!

Wednesday Night at FPC

Church Night Supper will be **Wednesday, October 1** at 5:30 p.m. We will have Italiano’s pizza, salad 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 30**. 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.*

Join us for Storytelling

Storytelling in Jonesborough - 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.

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

September 30: Laura Drayne

October 3: Allen Wright

October 4: John Newell, Pat Bryan, Rebecca Quillen

October 5: Don Osborne, Tal Francisco

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