

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025
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. Sharon Amstutz

Sunday School for children 4th grade and under is upstairs in our nursery classrooms

Gathering in God's Presence

CENTERING MUSIC "Variations on 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'" by Kenneth Varner

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

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

Listening for God's Voice

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

Responding to God's Call

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE "O Love" Elaine Hagenberg

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostle's Creed*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Share prayer needs by placing a pew card in the offering plate*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God Sends Us Out

HYMN OF SENDING: "Who you say I am?" by Hillsong (*Bring your 5-cents-a-meal offering forward*)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

GO FORTH IN PEACE

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

Jeremy, Mary Glenn, Mary Kate, and Charlie Lively

Flower Delivery

Eva Pearson

Sound

Olin Babb

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! 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. Seats are available to see Donald Davis. Come and bring a friend! 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 Allendale, 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