

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

October 12th, 2025
10:30am Sanctuary Worship

Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith, Elder Tammie Davis, and Rev. Brad Walker

Sunday School for children 4th grade and under is held upstairs in the Children's Library

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering in God's Presence

BELLS AND CENTERING MUSIC

"Jubilation"

Jason D. Payne

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ~ *from Psalm 118:24*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you as people who long for healing. Yet too often we take your gifts for granted. We cry out in our need, but we forget to return in gratitude. We receive your mercy, yet we fail to live as witnesses to your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts with thanksgiving, that we may rise to follow you in faith, giving glory to your name through all we do ... *(silent confession)*

WORDS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Lord welcomes all who seek forgiveness. Be at peace, for in Jesus Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

In Jesus Christ we find forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ Doxology No. 606

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

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Listening for God's Voice

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS ~ *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Take A Moment"

Rev. Brad Walker

Responding to God's Call

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Do Not Be Afraid, for You Are Mine"

Lloyd Larson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle's Creed (*p. 35, Glory to God*)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION ~ *Upcoming events, mission news, and offering*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p.35, Glory to God*)

God Sends Us Out

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

arr., Pierce Dickens

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 using the QR code below,
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 Allen N Dryden, Jr.

by Frances Dryden, Allen & Nick Dryden, Angela Dryden Lovin

Greeters and Ushers: Claudia Mihovk and Gerry Morie

Sound: Olin Babb

Wednesday Night This Week

Church Night Supper will be **Wednesday, October 15** at 5:30 p.m. On the menu: baked potato bar, salad bar and dessert provided by Food City. After dinner we will have a Vespers service at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. The deadline for reservations is noon on **Tuesday, October 14**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$25.00. Reservations: sign up on the pew pads, church website, your REALM account, or call the church office.

Cybercrime Seminar

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to host a seminar presented by Special Agent Matthew Thompson, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, on protecting yourself from scams and cybercrime on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025** at First Presbyterian Church. A box lunch will be available at 12:30 p.m. for \$13.00. The seminar will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by a brief time of Q&A. You must register in advance. You can register for lunch and the seminar or just the seminar by going to www.firstpreskingsport.org or calling (423) 245-0104. Payment in advance for lunch is encouraged. Registration deadline is Thursday, October 16, 2025. There will also be a sign-up table in the foyer on Sunday, October 12, for your convenience.

First Presbyterian Performing Arts Series

The Paramount Chamber Players will present "Confrontations with Fate" on **Friday, October 17** at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Tickets are available on the church website at www.firstpreskingsport.org and will be available at the door. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors; and free for students. Coming **Friday, November 7** at 7:30 p.m. is the *Harvest Arts Hymn Tour: The Passion*. Look for more details soon.

Combined Worship and Potluck

Sunday, October 19 all are invited for a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary with a potluck lunch to follow. Our last potluck lunch of the year will be held in the Fellowship Center after the combined service. Remember to bring anything of your choosing, except meat, to the Fellowship Center kitchen as early as 10:00 a.m. Reservations for lunch are due **by Tuesday, October 14**, so the CF&N Committee will be able to provide enough chicken fingers. You may make your reservation on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, call or e-mail Vickie at the church office, or register on the church Website or through your Realm account online. We're looking forward to having a large crowd for this time of great home-cooked food as well as time for fellowship with other church members!

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

October 12: Neely Mink
October 13: Beth Amstutz
October 14: Arlee Mott
October 15: David McBee, Pamela Babb, Steve Miller, Alex King
October 16: Don Good
October 17: Jim Amstutz
October 18: Duncan Harker, Owen Heindselman, Jack Addleburg
October 19: Cheryl Ann Hess

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