

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025 ~ 8:30am Chapel Worship



Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith, Rev. Russ Pearson, and Rev. Brad Walker

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

CENTERING MUSIC

"Blest Are They"

arr., Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we grieve that the church which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear, we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride, we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins as we commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.. *(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!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS ~ *Luke 17:5-10* and *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Rev. Brad Walker

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostle's Creed* (No. 35, Glory to God)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 515

"I Come With Joy"

*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

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of
Carol Seaman, former FPC Associate Pastor.
Carol passed away on September 29, 2025, in Detroit, MI.

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy
to the family of **Koleta Tilson**.
Koleta passed away on September 30, 2025, in Oak Ridge, TN.

*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 Anne Hadden
by Morris, Rob, Shelley, Emma, Evey and Grant Hadden.

Serving Today: Flower Delivery, Mary Beth Hallen, and Greeter/Usher, Gerry Mayberry

Celebration! Welcome to new members Tom and Chris Haynes; Jonathan, Anne and Abigail Pierce; and Roger and Sharon Wheeler who joined First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Wednesday Night This Week

Church Night Supper will be **Wednesday, October 8** at 5:30 p.m. On the menu: fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, dessert provide by Food City. There will be no program this week due to Fall Break. The deadline for reservations is noon on **Monday, October 6**. 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.

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. They open their 21st concert season with two of the most dramatic and thrilling works from the piano quartet repertoire: Mozart's Piano Quartet in G Minor and Brahms' Piano Quartet in C Minor. Joining TPCP for this performance are Evie Chen, violin; David Kovač, viola; Katherine Benson, piano; and welcoming to the stage for his first performance with TPCP, Ignacy Gaydamovich, cello. 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. You will also have a chance to meet some of newest members who have joined the past couple of months. Mark your calendars and bring a side dish to share.

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

October 5: Don Osborne, Tal Francisco
October 6: Leola Campbell, Matt King
October 7: Ellen Sims, Taylor Bunch
October 9: Ian Ward
October 10: Morris Hadden
October 11: Marthe Kincaid
October 12: Neely Mink
October 13: Beth Amstutz

Please be aware the 10:30 a.m. service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.

WIFI Network: FPCCK-GUEST
Password: Genesis1:3-4