

First Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Chapel Worship

Prelude ~ Guest pianist, Cathy Clark

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
you have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
The Lord is with us!
Let us worship God.

**Hymn of Praise #401 ~ Here in This Place*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and righteousness, and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. *(Time for silent confession)*
Amen.

Scripture Reading ~ *I Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Sermon ~ "Encourage One Another" ~ Dr. Bradley K. Walker

Prayers of the People 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.

*Statement of Faith ~ Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

**Hymn of Sending #361 ~ O Christ, the Great Foundation*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ~ Guest pianist, Cathy Clark

8:30am Chapel and 10:30am Sanctuary
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