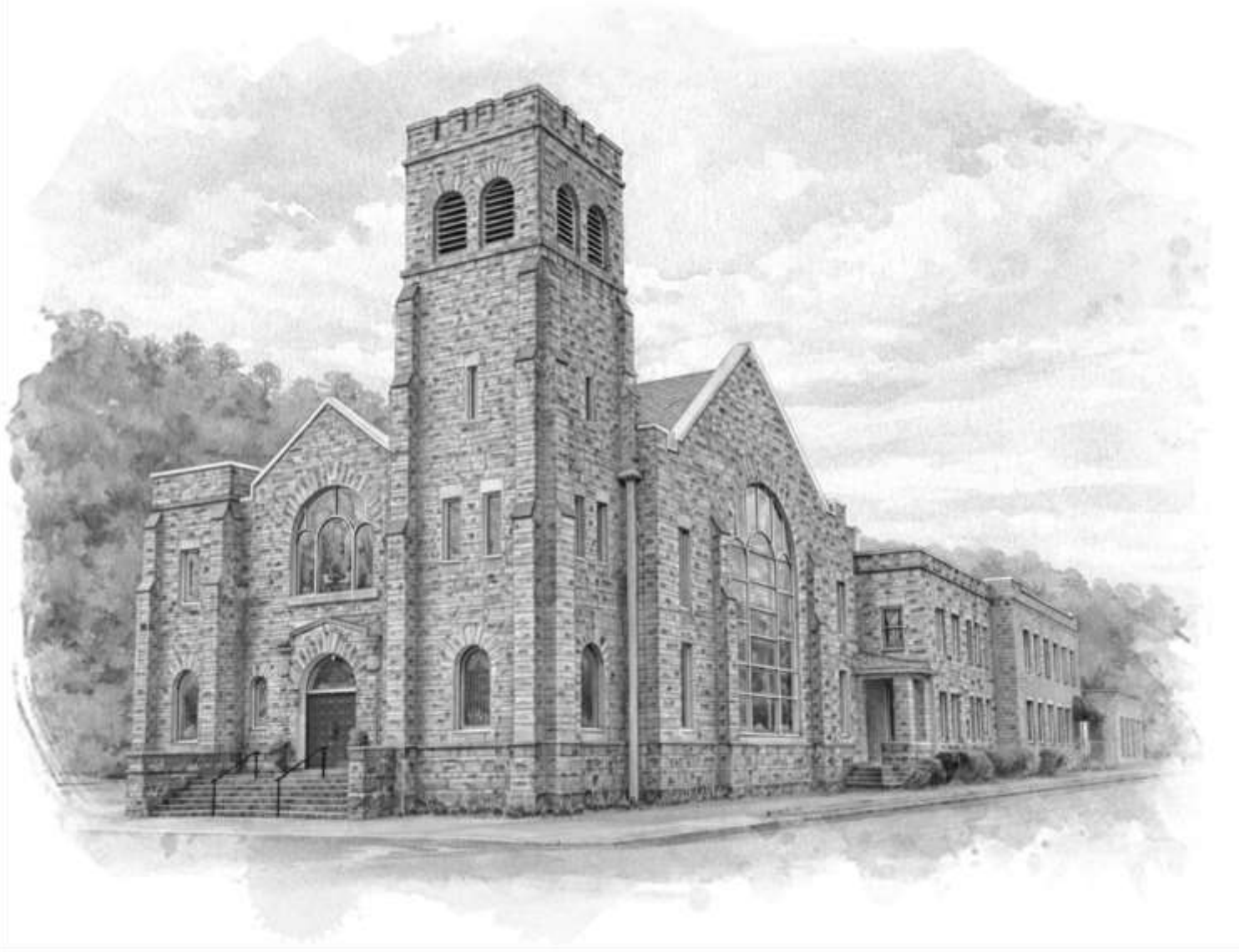


*First Presbyterian Church*  
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS  
1876-2026



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 5, 2026**

# Order of Worship

Prelude ..... “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*” ..... Lani Smith

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*America the Beautiful*” ..... Samuel Ward

Call to Worship ..... Bob Pierce

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

**We are greeted in peace and in love.**

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

**We worship in hope and with grace.**

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

**Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Friends, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer ..... Bob Pierce

O God, we gather in Your presence to praise Your Holy Name. We gather here, because we find joy and love, peace and understanding, among Your people. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 562 ..... “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*” ..... MELITA

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, we are often like Jonah. We run away from you and wonder why you are so kind to people who don't deserve your kindness. Somedays, we'd like to go away and pout like Jonah. Open our eyes, so we can see things differently. Forgive us, God. Give us the strength to change our ways and to love all those we meet.**

(A moment of silent personal confession)

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 579

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination..... Bob Pierce

First Scripture Reading ..... Jonah 3:1-5 ..... OT Page 860

Anthem..... *“Our Song Shall Rise to Thee”* ..... Jospeh M. Martin

Second Scripture Reading.....Jonah 3:6-10 .....NT Page 861

Sermon ..... Where Are We Going? .....Dr. Ian Aipperspach

\* Hymn No. 303..... *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* .....ABERYSTWYTH

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed ..... Bob Pierce

**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.**

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings ..... Bob Pierce

Offertory .....*“Meditation”* ..... Paul F. Page

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly

Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* Prayer of Dedication ..... Bob Pierce

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

**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.**

\* Closing Hymn No. 561 ..... “*My Country, ‘Tis of Thee*” .....AMERICA

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “*Fugue on ‘America’*” ..... Eugene Thayer

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.  
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Judy Hoefer, "in loving memory of my mama on the day she hatched me".

**Communion** has been moved to next Sunday, July 12.

**A memorial service for Joan Jones** will be this coming Saturday, July 11, at 11:00 a.m.

**Let's Celebrate!**



**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

**Save your Dimes!** All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| <p><b><u>July 3</u></b><br/>Dianna Thayer</p> <p><b><u>July 5</u></b><br/>Judy Hoefer</p> <p><b><u>July 7</u></b><br/>Jacob Florini-Parker</p> <p><b><u>July 8</u></b><br/>Carolyn Beane</p> <p><b><u>July 10</u></b><br/>Zoe Cattaneo<br/>Anna Geltner</p> <p><b><u>July 12</u></b><br/>Charolette Paul</p> <p><b><u>July 13</u></b><br/>Chase Vinson</p> <p><b><u>July 14</u></b><br/>Samuel Carroll<br/>Steve Spivey</p> | <p><b><u>July 16</u></b><br/>Patrick Simmons</p> <p><b><u>July 17</u></b><br/>Nancy Britt<br/>Gracie Gann</p> <p><b><u>July 20</u></b><br/>Andy Danhof<br/>Sue Stone</p> <p><b><u>July 21</u></b><br/>Sylvia Bryant</p> <p><b><u>July 22</u></b><br/>Connie Bradley<br/>Susan Fulmer</p> <p><b><u>July 23</u></b><br/>Darin Meyers</p> <p><b><u>July 24</u></b><br/>Jan Meyers<br/>Cliff Tackett</p> | <p><b><u>July 26</u></b><br/>Jackie Edwards<br/>Karolyn Mohrman<br/>Thea Rice</p> <p><b><u>July 27</u></b><br/>Dick Mohrman</p> <p><b><u>July 28</u></b><br/>Bill Cattaneo</p> <p><b><u>July 29</u></b><br/>Bill Davis<br/>Carol Mattson</p> <p><b><u>July 31</u></b><br/>Priscilla Davis</p> |
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## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| <p><b><u>July 3</u></b><br/>Helen and Gerald Murders</p> <p><b><u>July 10</u></b><br/>Hannah and David Mills</p> | <p><b><u>July 13</u></b><br/>Judi and Bill Creason</p> <p><b><u>July 17</u></b><br/>Amy and Kent Westmoreland</p> |
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*We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.*



**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Office Lunch Hour:**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 5**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, July 6**

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking  
1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

**Wednesday, July 8**

12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 10**

9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

**Saturday, July 11**

11:00 a.m. Joan Jones Memorial Service

**Sunday, July 12 - Communion**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
11:30 a.m. USA Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Requests:** Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, [jsar43@gmail.com](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto:office@firstpreshotsprings.org). A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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