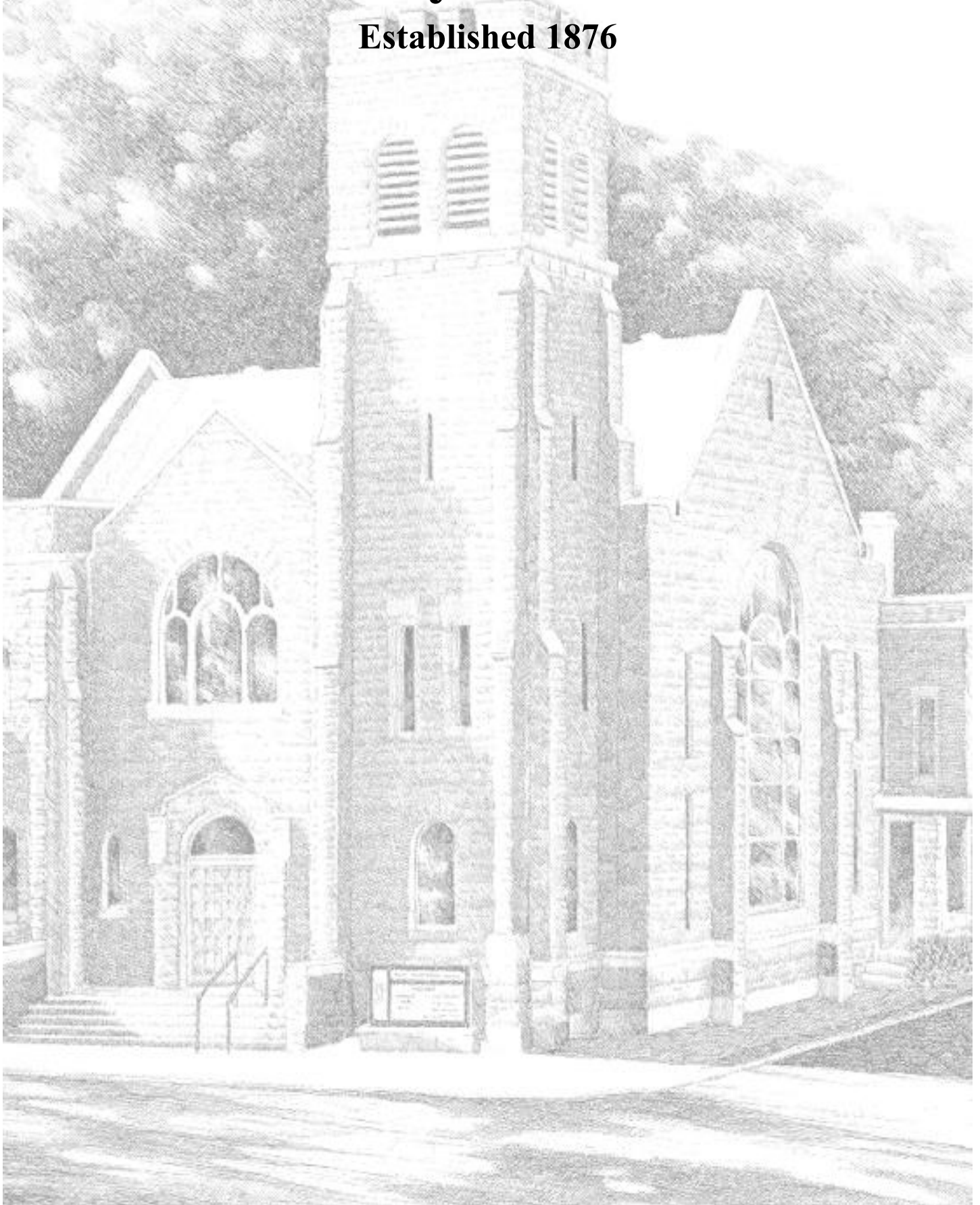


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

Prelude “*Invocation*” Basil Harwood

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*O for a Thousand Tongues*” David Binion

Call to Worship Bob Pierce

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Bob Pierce

God of grace, we have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness, a world where love rules over all, where enemies embrace, where the distinctions between friend and foe evaporate in the light of your love. Equip us in this hour to be your people, a blessing for all the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 398 “*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, hear our prayer. Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes we don’t. We love you well, and we try to love our neighbor. But often times, we fail. We do not add beauty to the world. We do not offer kindness as often as we might. We pay lip service to the cries of others, and sit idly by until the sound fades. Forgive us. Give us the courage and strength to live as you would have us live. In Christ, we pray.

(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 Galatians 5:22-25 NT Page 191

Time with Young Disciples

Favorite Hymn

Second Scripture Reading.....Luke 10:25-37.....NT Page 71

Sermon.....KindnessRev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn..... *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*Richard Gillard



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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* 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 “*Andante Pastorale*” Thomas Adams
- * Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 592
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.
- * 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. 425 “*Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*” ABBOT’S LEIGH
- * Charge & Benediction
- Postlude..... “*Postludium*” Oscar Pahlman

*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 Jamie Williams in memory of her mother, Frances Shell, best known as Nanny.

Today is Birthday Sunday where we honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of July. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake.

Would you like to attend the 2025 Presbyterian Women Gathering? The Gathering will be held July 24 – 26 at First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. The online registration has officially closed, but you can register at the door on the first day of the event.

Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Night Out is July 30 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a great meal and fellowship at The GOAT Mediterranean Grill (228 Cornerstone Blvd). We will have a semi-private area and the restaurant is handicap accessible. They have great cocktails, popular soup, a fantastic menu, and yummy desserts. Join us for dinner in the AC during a hot July! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen.

Presbyterian Men's Night Out will be Thursday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m. The men will meet at the Colorado Grill (320 Ouachita Ave.) Come share your stories, support, and personal growth with others. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen.

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."

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office 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.*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

<p><u>July 3</u> Helen and Gerald Murders</p> <p><u>July 10</u> Hannah and David Mills</p> <p><u>July 13</u> Judi and Bill Creason</p>	<p><u>July 17</u> Amy and Kent Westmoreland</p> <p><u>July 25</u> Betty Kate and Al Carney</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 20 – Birthday Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Tuesday, July 22

11:30 a.m. Jackson House Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 23

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

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

12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Sunday, July 27

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Handbells

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

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