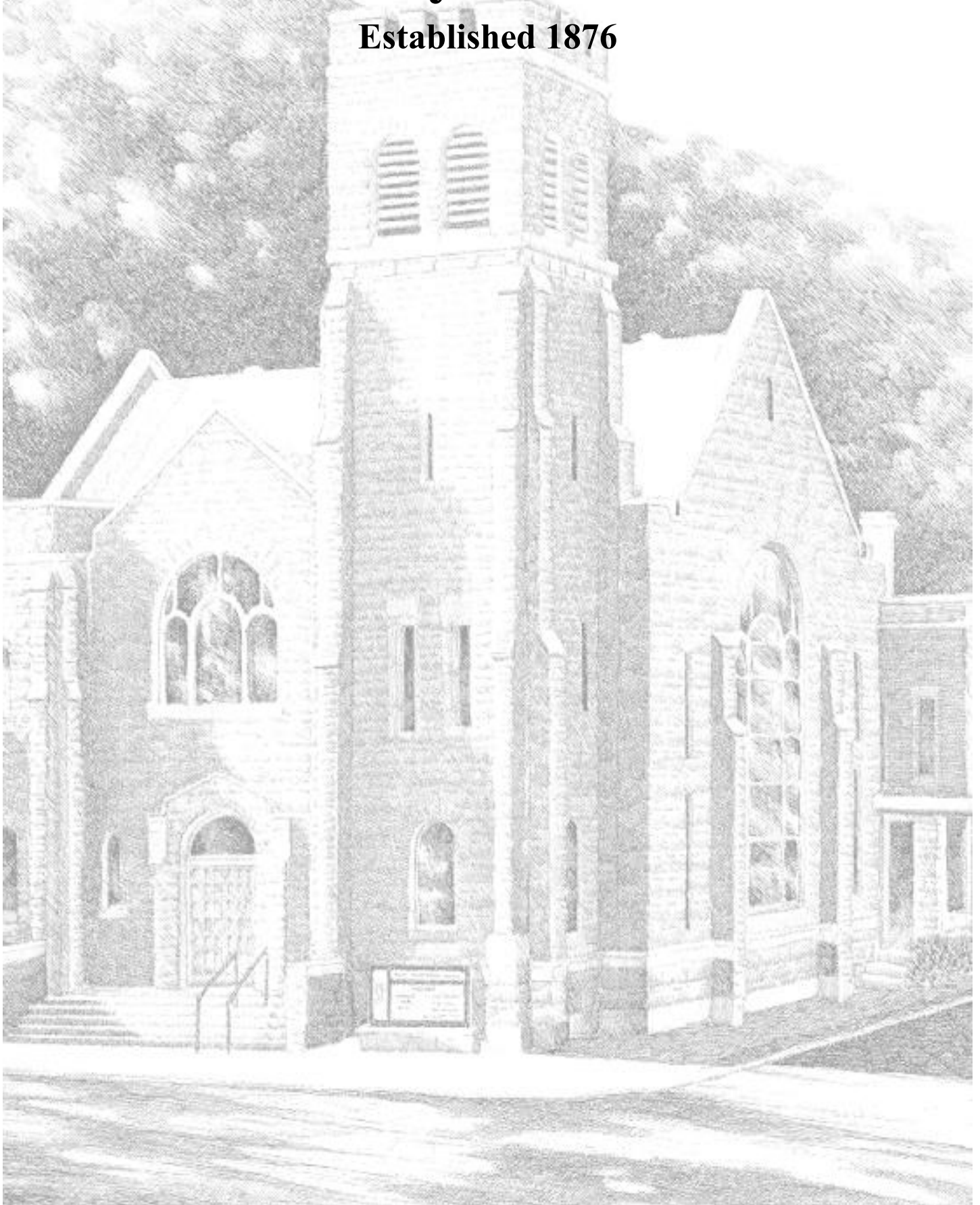


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

Prelude *“Jesu, meine Freude”* Ernst Friedrich Richter

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“You ’ll Never Walk Alone”* Richard Rodgers

Call to Worship Bob Pierce

Welcome, friend and stranger –

Welcome, honored guest.

We gather as a community to worship God,

To be reminded of God’s goodness,

To be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Bob Pierce

We come to church hungry, Lord! We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word. Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship, and we are eager to taste your goodness in community, with our brothers and sisters.

In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 111.. *“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”* GELOBT

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and gracious God, you send us out to do good in your name, but we struggle to determine what that is and how we do it. So, too often we fail to do the good we want, and instead we cause the hurt and pain we are trying to avoid. Forgive us. Help us to grow even more into Christ’s likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name.

(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 No. 442 *“The Church’s One Foundation”* AURELIA
- Second Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-13 OT Page 2
- Sermon *“Goodness”* Rev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 243 *“We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good”* WAS GOTT TUT
- * 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 *“Prayer”* Harry Rowe Shelley
- * 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. 411 *“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”* FESTAL SONG
- * Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “Trumpet Tune” Daniel Berghout

*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 Sandy and Jim Matheney.

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.*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>August 1</u> Pat Edwards Steve Van Pelt <u>August 7</u> Michael Carr	<u>August 11</u> Karen DeMott <u>August 15</u> Suzanne Cain <u>August 16</u> Leslie Hardin	<u>August 25</u> Chris Chapmond Susan Paparella <u>August 29</u> Richard Muse
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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>August 5</u> Kathy and Tom Harst <u>August 6</u> Theo and Bob Byrne <u>August 7</u> Jackie and Pat Edwards	<u>August 8</u> Betty and Bill Nieburg <u>August 25</u> Janet and Richard Muse
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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 27

10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Handbells

Monday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep.

Wednesday, July 30

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. PW 5th Wednesday Night Out at The GOAT (228 Cornerstone Blvd.)

Thursday, July 31

5:30 p.m. Presbyterian Men's Night Out at Colorado Grill (320 Ouachita Ave.)

Sunday, August 3 - Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Handbells

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blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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