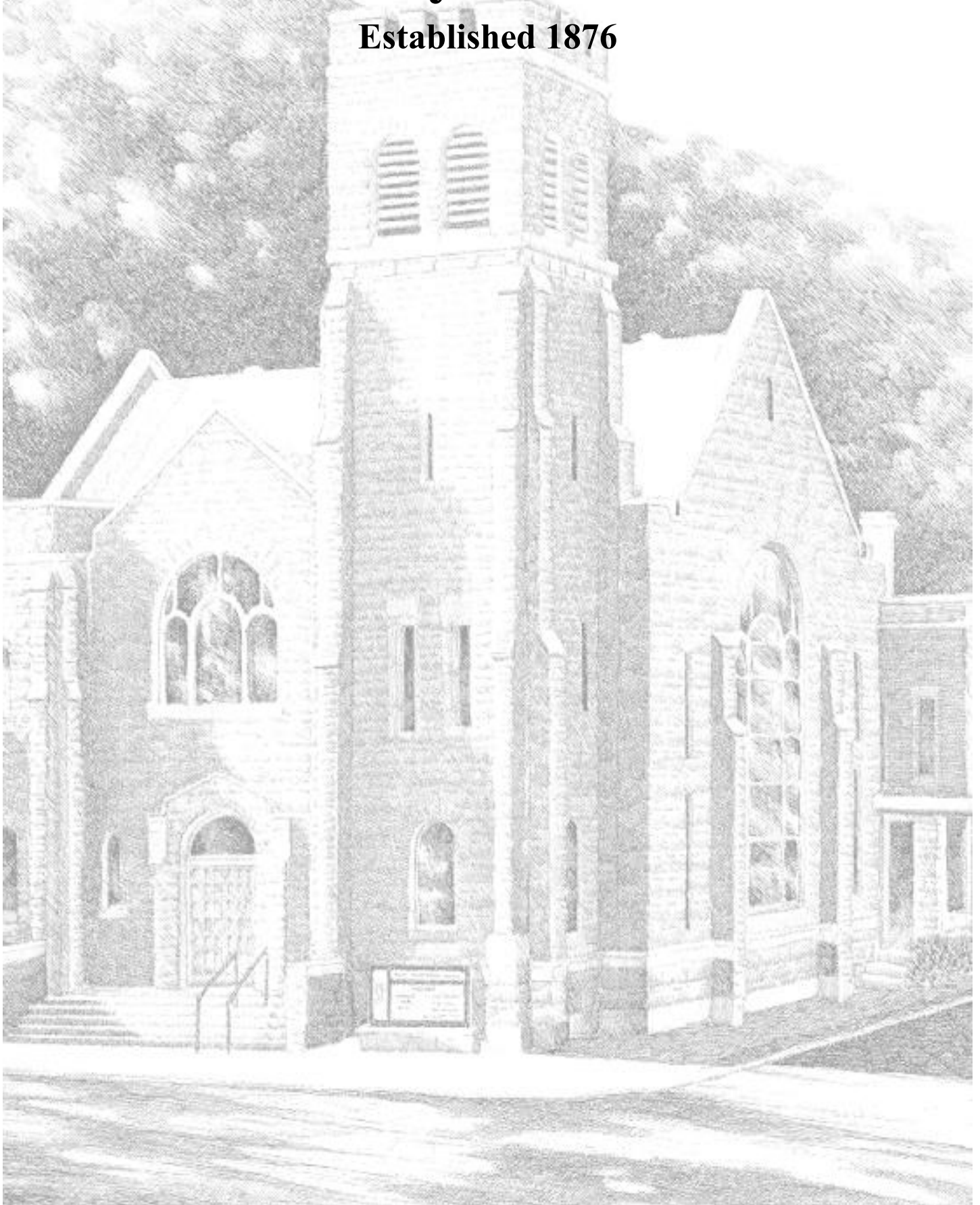


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025

Prelude *“Fantasia”* Johann Krieger

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Minute for Mission Carol Mattson

Introit..... *“The Lord’s Prayer”* Albert Hay Malotte
Casey Williams, Soloist

Call to Worship Jeff Carr

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

Opening Prayer Jeff Carr

We come to worship faithfully, God-- we’re here again this morning. We come faithfully, but there’s a part of all of us that doubts. This morning, give us an assurance of what we cannot always see, a conviction of hope in your presence and your power. We want to be faith-filled, confident in your abiding and unfailing love for us. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 461 *“God Is Here!”* ABBOT’S LEIGH

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you are always faithful. We confess that we have not always been faithful to you. We know the right words to say, but our works have not always matched our words. You call us to stand up for what is right, but we go along with what other people are doing. Forgive us. Come to us once again in your grace, that we might see, and touch, and embrace your promise, so we can claim your forgiveness and extend it to others. We pray in your holy 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.....	Jeff Carr
First Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:22-25NT Page 191
Time with Young Disciples	
Favorite Hymn	
Second Scripture Reading.....	Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-40NT Page 225, 226
Sermon	Faithfulness.....Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 276.....	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>FAITHFULNESS
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed	Jeff Carr
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	Jeff Carr
Offertory	<i>“I Am Bound For the Promised Land”</i> Robert J. Powell
* 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	Jeff Carr
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (all are invited to participate)	
Invitation to the Lord’s Table	
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer 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.	
Words of Institution	

Communion of the People

You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 535 “*Go with Us, Lord*” TALLIS’ CANON

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*Fanfare on ‘Abbot’s Leigh’*”..... Charles Callahan

*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 Michael Carr in honor of the Monday morning Bargain Box ladies. Your work has made a tangible difference in our community. Thank you for your generous donation of time and talent!

Today is Communion Sunday and the FPC Blessing Box food collection. The first Sunday of each month you are encouraged to bring food for the Blessing Box or give a check made out to the church with Blessing Box on the memo line. Please remember those less fortunate.

Family Night Supper Ice Cream Social



150th Anniversary Planning Committee. Christian Discipleship is ready to start planning the 150th Anniversary Celebration for the First Presbyterian Church, May 16-17 2026. We are anxious to get started and would like to have at least one member from each church committee to participate and share ideas. This will also keep people in the loop of the planning process. We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 27. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Dawn Cattaneo (501-655-2389 or bdkz@att.net) and let her know if you would like to be a part of this committee.

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."



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, August 3 - Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. Handbells

Monday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Wednesday, August 6

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

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

Thursday, August 7

10:30 a.m. Mission Committee Lunch Prep at Jackson House

Friday, August 8

9:30 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

Saturday, August 9

10:00 a.m. Master Naturalists Class

Sunday, August 10

10:30 a.m. Worship

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.*

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

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Flood Bucket Donations

In the aftermath of the terrible flooding in Central Texas, a huge shipment of flood buckets from Ferncliff have already made their way to our neighbors to the South. That means it is time to help Ferncliff restock their inventory! The mission committee has set a goal of our church completing 27 flood buckets- one in memory of each of the lives lost at Camp Mystic during the flooding. You can help in two ways:

- Purchase supplies to help fill the buckets. You'll find the list below of what is needed for each bucket. Our local Lowe's store graciously donated the 5-gallon buckets that we need to start filling them. You can find all the other items there, too, if you want to thank them for their donation with some extra business!
- Donate money. If you'd rather write a check (or give online) instead of shopping, feel free. Just memo the donation to "Flood Buckets" and we will use that money to buy all the supplies that we need. Any donation amount would be appreciated, but to fully fund a bucket is \$75.00.

Donations of supplies and of money will be collected throughout the month of August. Once the buckets are ready, we will have them in worship on a Sunday morning and pray over the buckets and the families who will one day receive them. Also, be on the lookout for an announcement of the Mission Committee's next trip down to Ferncliff. This is a great time to see our donations in action!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH BUCKET:

- ☐ Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- ☐ Seven sponges, including one large.
- ☐ One scrub brush (with or without handle).
- ☐ 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging.).
- ☐ One 16-34oz bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred).
- ☐ One 12-40oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles).
- ☐ One 50-100ft clothesline (cotton or plastic line).
- ☐ Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; no surgical masks).
- ☐ Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging.)
- ☐ One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (such as nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather).
- ☐ 20-28 heavy-duty or contractor-type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (remove from packaging).

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened.

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