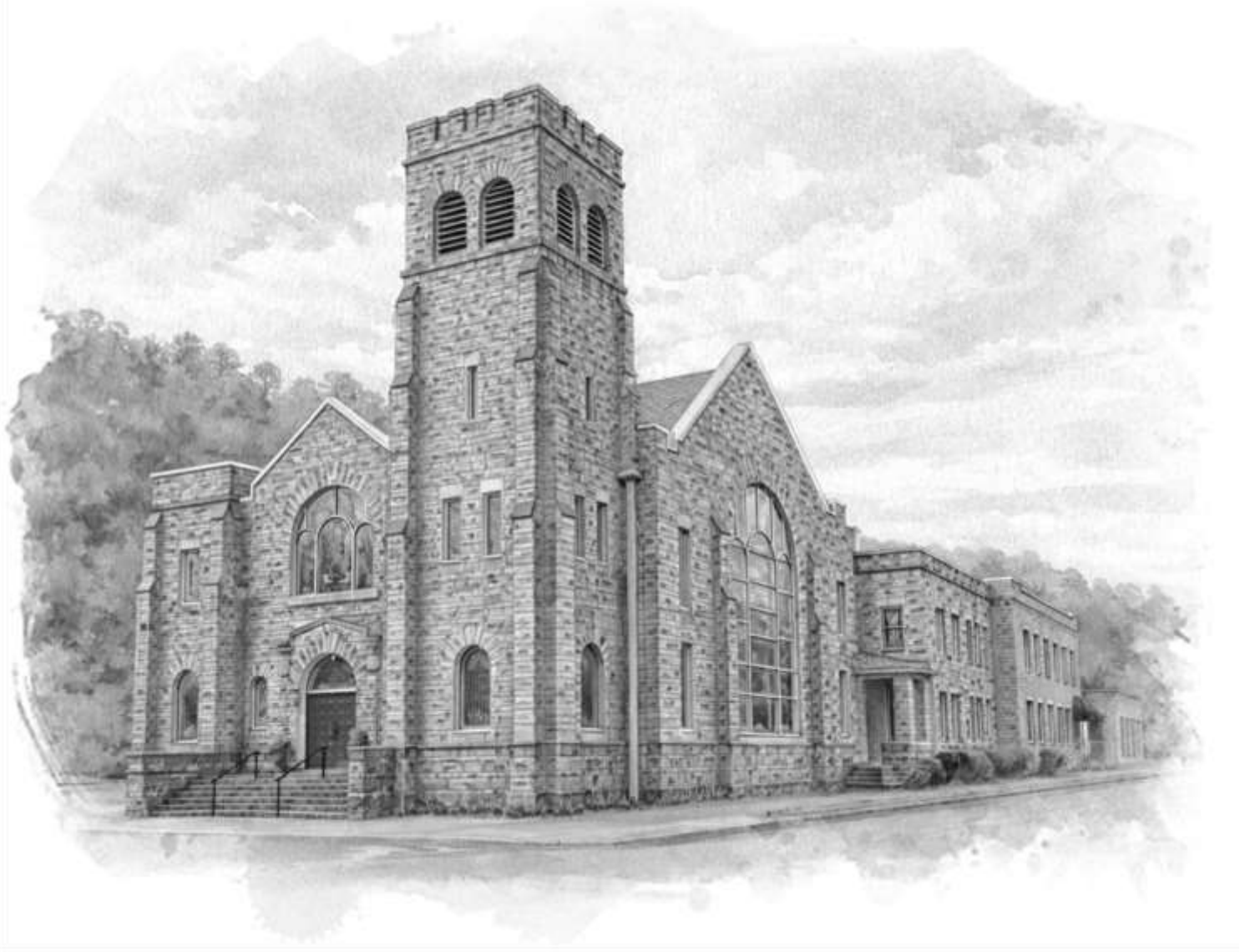


First Presbyterian Church
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
1876-2026



15th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion
September 6, 2026

Order of Worship

Prelude “Prelude”Josef Rheinberger

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “At His Name” Joel Raney

Call to WorshipPat Edwards

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

And I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding,

That I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,

For I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees;

In your righteousness be gracious to me.

Opening PrayerPat Edwards

Holy God, guide us as we seek to live faithfully in our communities. Remind us that love is at the heart of your law: love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, and a commitment to the common good. May our worship move us more and more towards you, and empower us to share love with the world. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 462 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” RATISBON

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. Forgive us. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

(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.....Pat Edwards

First Scripture Reading Psalm 149OT Page 583

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Bread of the World”*Dennis Eliot

Second Scripture Reading..... Romans 13:8-14NT Page 162

Sermon.....A Universal Obligation.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn of Praise *“We Are One in the Spirit”* Peter Scholtes



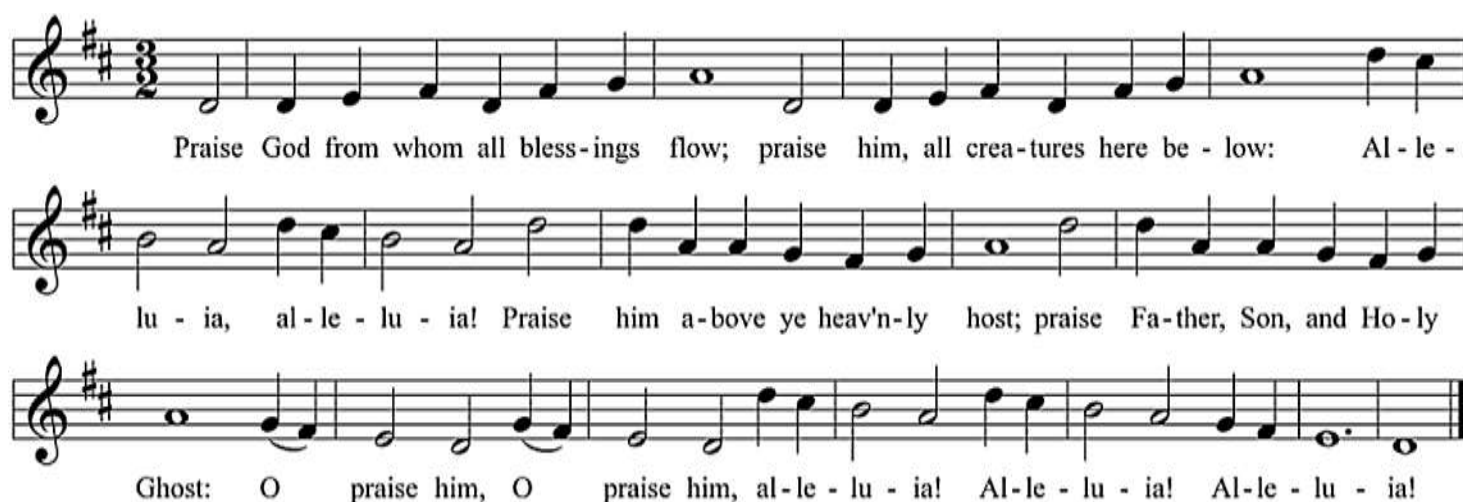
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's CreedPat Edwards

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 & OfferingsPat Edwards

Offertory“*Meditation*” Paul F. Page

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST UNS ERFREUEN



The image shows the musical notation for the Doxology hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Al-le-'. The second staff continues with 'lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly'. The third staff concludes with 'Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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* Prayer of DedicationPat Edwards

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.....“Hornpipe” John S. Dixon

*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.)

Congregational Meeting: The session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, September 6, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the following church officers:

**ELDER
CLASS OF 2029**

Shannon Carroll
Pat Edwards
Paul Mills
Ian Poole

**CLERK OF SESSION
Paul Mills**

**DEACON
CLASS OF 2029**

Marsha Edwards
Pam Lynch
Patricia Mills
Jamie Williams

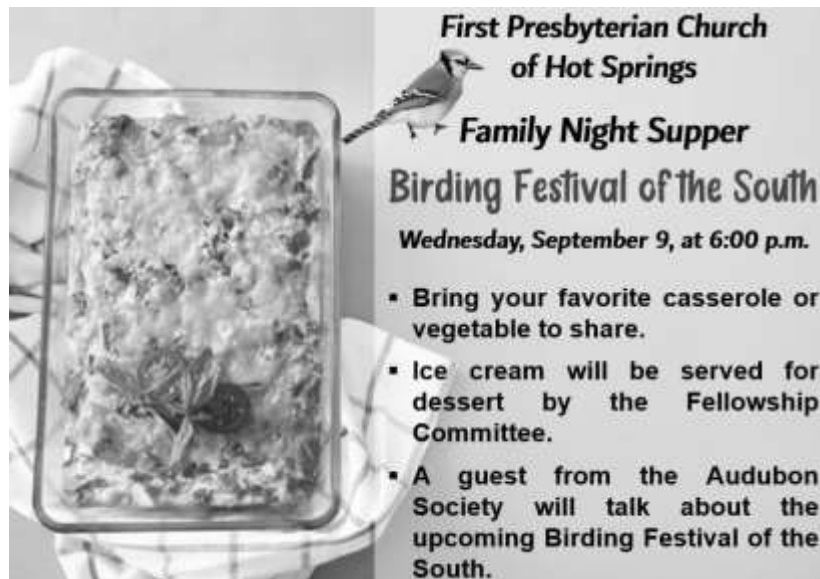
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jackie and Pat Edwards in memory of Kathy White's birthday.

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.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Family Night Supper



The PW Morning Circle will start off the year on Tuesday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. This year's study is: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians). The Morning Circle meets every 3rd Tuesday of every month. All women are welcome!

The Presbyterian Women's Directory needs to be updated. Please check your directory for changes or errors and submit them to Tammy in the church office so the corrections can be made for the new directory. Thank you!

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>September 1</u> Lesa Henning Elaine Muzny David Thayer <u>September 3</u> Helen Bumpas <u>September 4</u> James Black Donna Brooks <u>September 5</u> Steve DeMott	<u>September 7</u> Kricket Lines-Robinson Kelly Simpson <u>September 12</u> Susan Cooper <u>September 16</u> Patrick Simmons <u>September 18</u> Jamie Randall <u>September 19</u> Miriam Murthy	<u>September 23</u> Bruce Simpson <u>September 24</u> Rachel Garner <u>September 25</u> Sumner Bishop Shane Hardin <u>September 27</u> Edward King
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>September 1</u> Julie and Jacob Mills Patricia and Paul Mills



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.

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.*

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

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Clerk of Session (Vacant)
Mr. James Matheney, Treasurer
Ms. Helen Bumpas, Moderator, Presbyterian Women
Ms. Jackie Edwards, Moderator, Board of Deacons



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 6 - Communion

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Brief Congregational Meeting

Monday, September 7 – Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Wednesday, September 9

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

Thursday, September 10

9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Friday, September 11

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

Sunday, September 13 – Ordination/Installation of New Officers

9:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Handbells