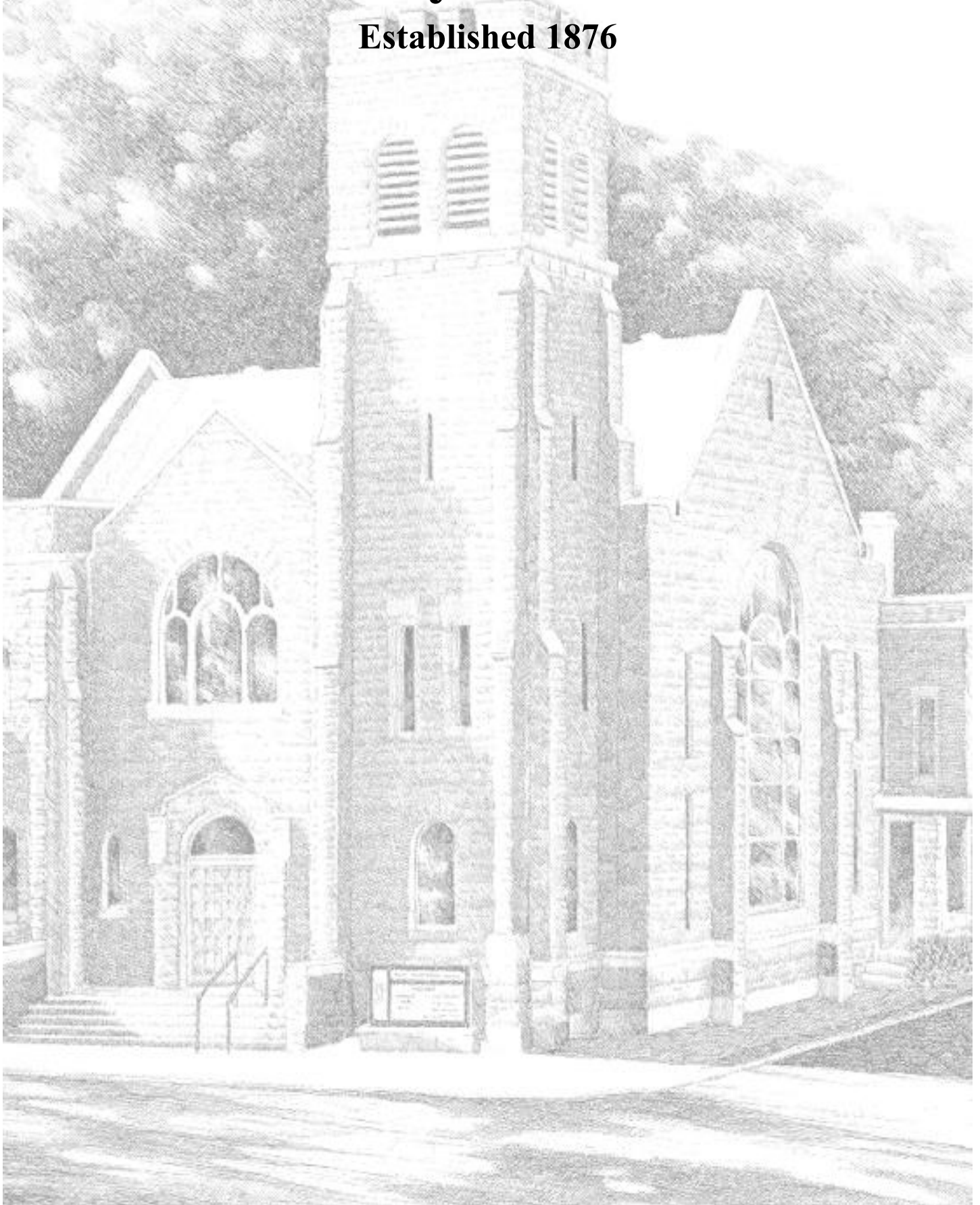


# First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 7, 2025**

Prelude ..... *“The Sands of Time”* ..... Walter Guernsey Reynolds

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Creator of the Stars of Night”* ..... Plainsong 9<sup>th</sup> Century

Call to Worship ..... Pat Edwards

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.**

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer ..... Pat Edwards

Loving God, you made all that is, seen and unseen. You made us in your image, that we might reflect your goodness, wisdom, and love. As we gather in your house this day, may our faith be renewed, that we might better serve you. **Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 272 ..... *“God of the Sparrow”* ..... ROEDER

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Creator God, breathing life into our being, you gave us the gift of life. In wisdom, you have made all of creation, and you have delivered us into one another’s care, asking that we love one another as you first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity, contempt rather than respect, ignorance rather than love. We have abused the creation we were called to steward and we have prioritized our own wants over the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us to nurture a world that reflects your goodness and love.**

(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 .....	Genesis 1:1-13 .....	OT Page 1
Time with Young Disciples		
Anthem.....	<i>“This Is My Word”</i> .....	Pepper Choplin
Second Scripture Reading.....	Genesis 1:14-2:4a .....	NT Page 1
Sermon .....	“And God Said...” .....	Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 285.....	<i>“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”</i> .....	AUSTRIAN HYMN
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed .....	Pat Edwards	
<b>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.</b>		
Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings .....	Pat Edwards	
Offertory .....	<i>“Meditation”</i> .....	Paul F. Page
* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....	Hymn 592	
<b>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.</b>		
* Prayer of Dedication .....	Pat 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		
<b>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.</b>		
Words of Institution		
Communion of the People		
<i>You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.</i>		
Closing Prayer		

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

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“Psalm XIX” ..... Benedetto Marcelo

*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 7, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the following church officers:

**ELDER  
CLASS OF 2028**

Peggy Leonhard  
Terri McKissack  
Sally Pierce  
Cathe Talpas

**DEACON  
CLASS OF 2028**

Nancy Doyle  
Sandy Matheney  
Kathy McConkie  
Mari Simmons

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
AT LARGE MEMBER**

Pat Edwards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**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 Spa City Youth** will start a new year today at 5:30 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. Reconnect with your friends and be ready to fill your bellies AND some buckets!

**Join us for Family Night Supper's "Tailgate Party" on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m.** The Fellowship Committee will furnish pulled pork (prepared by Pat Edwards) and buns. Members are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Don't forget to wear your favorite team's colors, clothing and/or accessories. Traci Berry from Northwoods Trail will talk to us about everything going on with the bicycle trails all around us.

**Beginning Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School returns to FPC.** Using the book Parables from the Back Side, the class will look at the parables of Jesus from a slightly different perspective. The material promises to be thought-provoking and provide for spirited discussion! Copies of the book are available at the church for those who want to read ahead (though reading ahead is not required).

**Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center:** The Mission Committee has planned a 1-day volunteer opportunity on Friday, September 19, to Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center to deliver flood buckets and help where we are needed. Plan to meet here at First Presbyterian Church (213 Whittington Ave.) at 8:00 a.m. and we will return between 2:00-3:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for this volunteer mission opportunity!

**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><b>September 1</b></u> Lesa Henning Elaine Muzny David Thayer  <u><b>September 3</b></u> Helen Bumpas  <u><b>September 4</b></u> James Black Donna Brooks  <u><b>September 5</b></u> Steve DeMott  <u><b>September 6</b></u> Al Carney	<u><b>September 7</b></u> Kricket Lines-Robinson Kelly Simpson  <u><b>September 12</b></u> Susan Cooper  <u><b>September 16</b></u> Patrick Simmons  <u><b>September 18</b></u> Jamie Randall  <u><b>September 19</b></u> Miriam Murthy	<u><b>September 23</b></u> Bruce Simpson  <u><b>September 24</b></u> Rachel Garner  <u><b>September 25</b></u> Sumner Bishop Shane Hardin Robert Spindler Kathy White  <u><b>September 27</b></u> Edward King
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## ***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

<u><b>September 1</b></u> Julie and Jacob Mills Patricia and Paul Mills
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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, September 7 - Communion**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m. Handbells  
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth at First Presbyterian Church

**Monday, September 8**

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking  
12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

**Wednesday, September 10**

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 11**

9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

**Friday, September 12**

9:30 a.m. PEO Chapter Meeting

**Sunday, September 14**

9:00 a.m. Handbells  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting

**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](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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