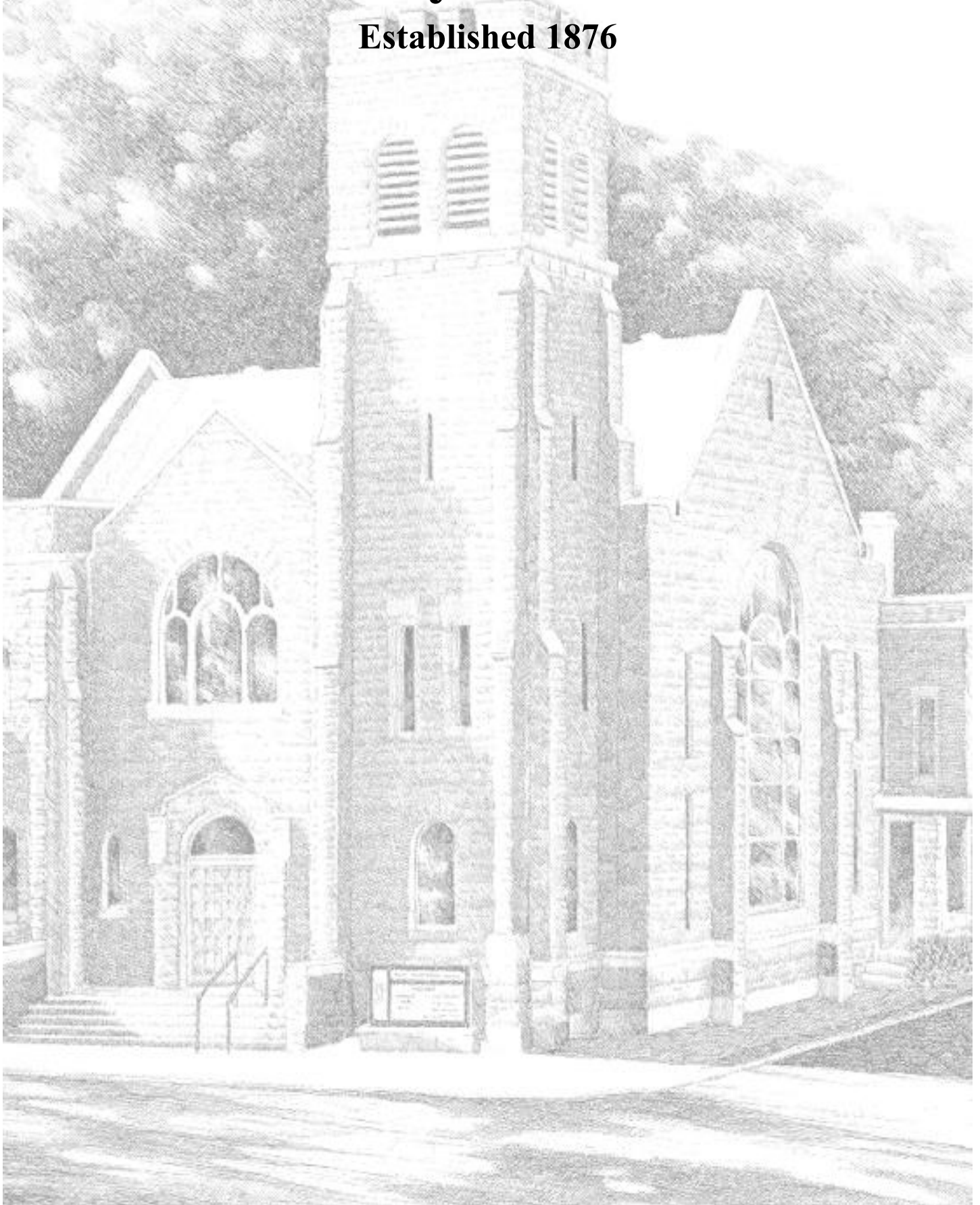


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Prelude *“Nearer My God to Thee with I need Thee Every Hour”*
Lowell Mason/Karissa Dennis

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Come, Let Us Sing”*Mary Kay Beall

Call to WorshipPat Edwards

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

We have come to seek the living God.

Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

We do not make this journey by ourselves.

Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

Opening PrayerPat Edwards

God our Provider, we walked into church today needing you in different ways. Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge. Some of us need hope because we feel like giving up. Some of us need love because we are feeling alone. We trust that you will provide for us, whether through words or music, or in a quiet moment of reflection. You are here, you are with us. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 262 *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*NATIONAL HYMN

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and wonderful God, hear our prayer. We look at our lives and wish we would be different – less judging, less selfish, less greedy; more hopeful, more graceful, more giving. We wish we would be better at trusting you. Forgive us. Open our hands and direct them; change our minds and feet to follow you. Remake us, again, in your image.

(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 21:1-3OT Page 16
- Time with Young Disciples
- Anthem..... *“What Shall I Render?”*Allen Pote
- Second Scripture Reading..... Genesis 22:1-14OT Page 17
- Sermon God Will ProvideRev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 405..... *“What Does the Lord Require”*SHARPTHORNE
- * 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 FlowHymn 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 DedicationPat Edwards
- 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. 282 ... *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
- * Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “*God of Our Fathers*”..... Gilbert Martin

*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 Ann Hiers in honor of our beloved bell choir director, Ian Aipperspach.

The PW Morning Circle will start off the year this Tuesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. This year's study is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." The meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All women are welcome!

Sunday School returns to FPC. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. 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 this 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!

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.*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, September 17

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.
12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Friday, September 19

8:00 a.m. FPC Mission Departure to Ferncliff

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m. New Officer Training

Sunday, September 21 – Installation of New Church Officers

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Session Meets with New Officers
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth at Westminster

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