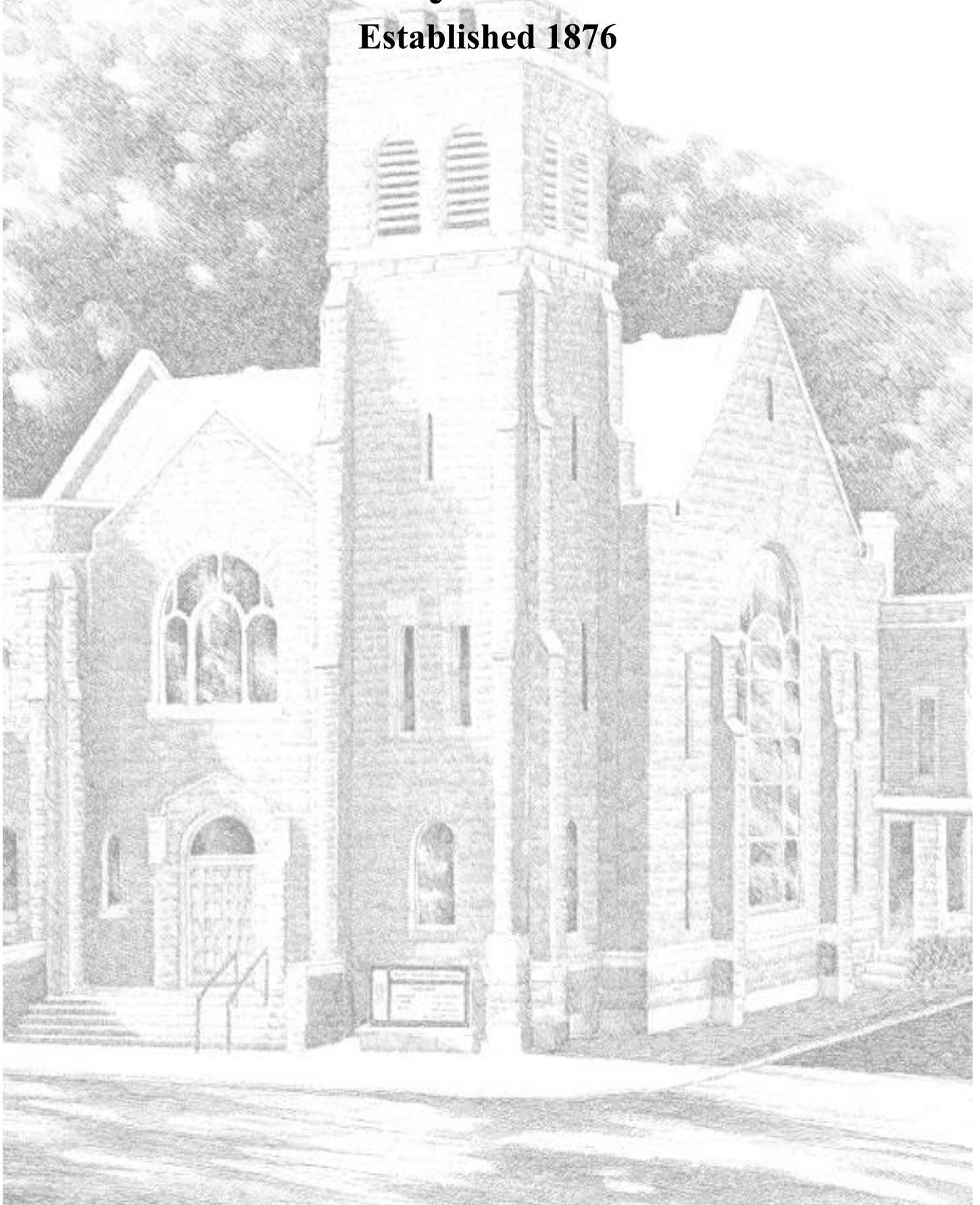


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

Prelude “*Spirit of Faith, Come Down*” Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*” Joel Raney

Call to Worship Pat Edwards

People of God, open your eyes!

Surely the Lord is in this place!

For this is none other than the house of God,

A meeting place for God and His people.

Let’s worship God together.

Opening Prayer Pat Edwards

We gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for your faithful love and for the many blessings you have given to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us; open our ears to hear your word. For surely, you are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 138 . “*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*” NICA EA

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You promised, O God, that through your chosen people all the families of the earth would be blessed. We confess that we love to receive your blessing, but we would rather keep it for ourselves than share it with others. Forgive us when we try to gather your blessing, rather than letting you work through us. Remind us that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, your promise in the flesh.

(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 27:1-4, 15-23	OT Page 23
Time with Young Disciples		
Anthem.....	<i>“Ye Servants of God”</i>	Charles Wesley/Paderborn
Second Scripture Reading.....	Genesis 28:10-17	OT Page 25
Sermon	Blessing in Disguise	Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 269.....	<i>“O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand”</i>	DUNDEE
Installation of New Officers		
Statement on Ordered Ministry		
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed		
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.		
Constitutional Questions		
Prayer of Installation		
Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings	Pat Edwards	
Offertory	<i>“Meditation”</i>	Paul F. Page
* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow		
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		
Pat Edwards		
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)		
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. 341 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”* ASSURANCE

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *“Toccata Brillánte”* Todd Kendall

*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.

Today we install new officers for our congregation. Elders being installed are Peggy Leonhard, Terri McKissack, Sally Pierce, and Cathe Talpas. Deacons being installed are Nancy Doyle, Sandy Matheney, Kathy McConkie, and Mari Simmons

Today is Birthday Sunday, where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of September. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake.

The Spa City Youth will meet tonight at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (228 Spring St.) at 5:30 p.m. We will then head out for dinner and putt putt. See you there!

The Church Office will be closed this Friday, June 26, due to vacation.

Sunday School has Returned. 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).

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

<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 6</u> Al Carney	<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 Robert Spindler Kathy White <u>September 27</u> Edward King
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>September 1</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 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

Monday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday, September 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

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

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