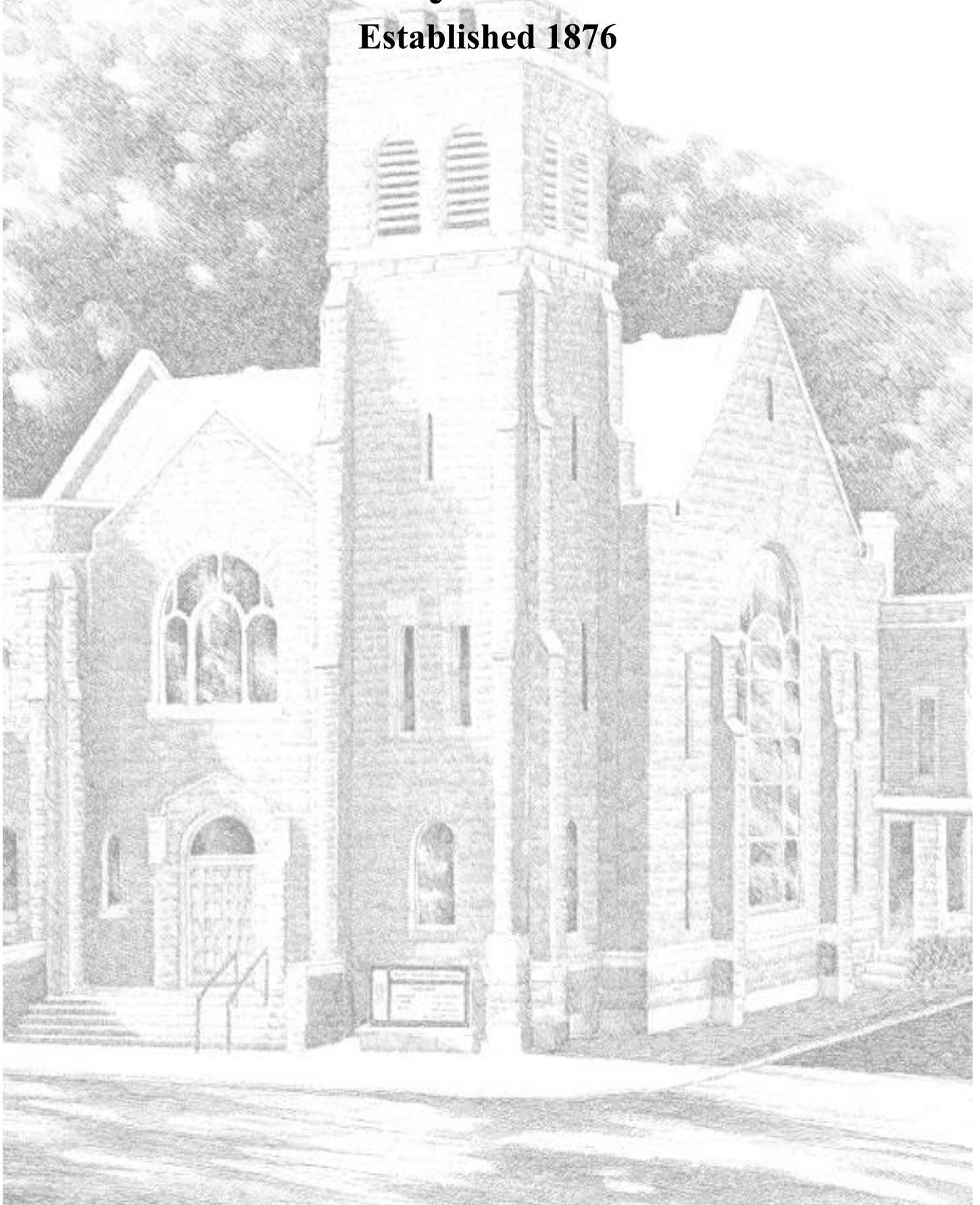


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 28, 2025

Prelude *“O Thou, in Whose Presence”* James Boeringer

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Festive Praise”* Allen Pote

Call to Worship Pat Edwards

This place for us is Holy Ground-

Where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, where we repeat the stories of our faith.

God tells us to take off our shoes-

We take away what separates us, what protects us, what distracts us from hearing God.

Come, let us worship the Lord-

Who is our God forever, through all the generations.

Opening Prayer Pat Edwards

Surprising God, you have a habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being embraced by your grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

* Hymn of Praise No. 330 *“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”* SHEPHERDS’ PIPES

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you call us by name, as you called Moses from the burning bush, and we confess that we often turn away. We stand on holy ground, but treat it as common. You call us to serve, but we make excuses — afraid, reluctant, or simply unwilling to go. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we resist your calling, for the times we ignore your voice. Remove our sandals of self-reliance and pride, and make us ready to walk where you send us. We pray in Jesus’ 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.....	Pat Edwards
First Scripture Reading	Exodus 2:23-25.....OT Page 50
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem.....	<i>“Lord of Life”</i>James M. Stevens
Second Scripture Reading.....	Exodus 3:1-15.....OT Page 50
Sermon	I Am Who I Am.....Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 525.....	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>HERE I AM
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed	Pat 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 & Offerings	Pat Edwards
Offertory	<i>“Meditation”</i>Paul F. Page
* 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	Pat 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. 132	<i>“Come, Great God of All the Ages”</i>ABBOT’S LEIGH

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “*O God Beyond All Praising*”Matthew F. Walicke

*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 Mary James in memory of her sweet Bill and in honor of their anniversary.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received Sunday, October 5: Our Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Fabrics Needed for World Communion Sunday. Sunday, October 5, is the Sunday that churches all over the world are intentional about celebrating communion together, so that it truly is a world-wide feast! If you have fabrics from other places that you have collected on travels and would be willing to loan them to the church for just a bit, bring them by the church office before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1. They will be used to cover the communion table on World Communion Sunday, a visual reminder of all the places in the world that are gathered at the table with us.

Join us for Family Night Supper's "Halloween Party" on Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide freaky franks, chili, and all the fixing. Members are asked to bring a frightful fare of side dishes or desserts. We encourage you to wear your costumes, plan on a frightful trick or ghastly treat, and a wicked ghoulish evening! Join us if you dare for a night of spooktacular fun!

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.*



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>October 1</u> Christopher Meyers <u>October 4</u> Hannah Mills <u>October 6</u> Nancy Doyle Don Leonhard Ann Schaffer <u>October 8</u> Tim Bumpas <u>October 12</u> John Ochsner	<u>October 14</u> Stacey Grise Daniel Roper <u>October 15</u> Patricia Bridges Dus Spivey <u>October 18</u> Joseph Florini Steve Hopper <u>October 22</u> Terri McKissack <u>October 24</u> James Vinson	<u>October 27</u> John Boyd Led Davis Sophie Meyers <u>October 28</u> Kathleen Bishop <u>October 30</u> Michael Helm <u>October 31</u> Logan Rice
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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>October 1</u> Janet and Steve Van Pelt <u>October 2</u> Anna and Brian Geltner <u>October 4</u> Dianna and David Thayer <u>October 12</u> Dawn and Bill Cattaneo	<u>October 16</u> Elaine and Mike Muzny <u>October 23</u> Barbara and Jim Davis <u>October 31</u> Susan and Allen Lee Sally and Bob Pierce
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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 28

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

Monday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 5 – World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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