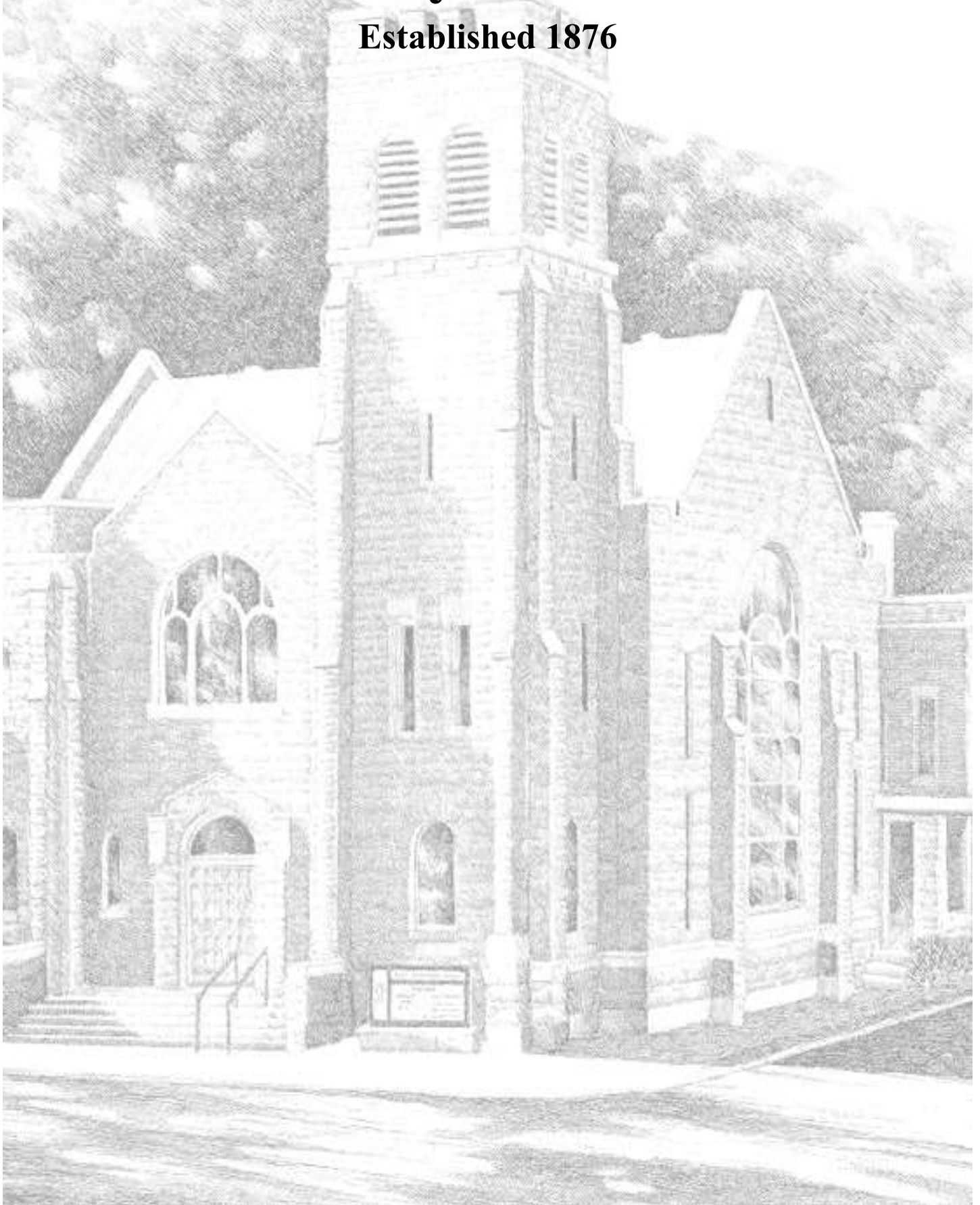


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



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Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026

Prelude *“Prelude”* George Oldroyd

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Break Forth”* J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Bob Pierce

Come and see, come and see!

We come to see for ourselves who Jesus is.

We come with open hearts.

We come ready to follow.

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Yes, Lord we are here to come and see!

Opening Prayer Bob Pierce

Holy and living God, You call us: “Come and see.” Open our minds to Your wisdom, our hearts to Your compassion, and our lives to Your transforming grace. Where there is fear, give courage; where there is injustice, stir us to act; where there is weariness, grant rest. By Your Spirit, make this time holy, that we may glimpse Your presence and be ready to follow Christ’s way. **Amen.**

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

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of invitation, You call us to “come and see,” yet we turn back to what is safe and known. We limit Your grace, and we limit one another — with our assumptions, our fear, and our comfort. Forgive us. Open our eyes to Your presence among those we overlook. Open our hearts to be changed by Your justice and compassion. Give us courage to follow where Christ leads.

(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.....	Bob Pierce
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 66:1-7OT Page 528
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem.....	<i>“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”</i> Howard Helvey
Second Scripture Reading.....	John 1:35-51NT Page 92
Sermon	Come and SeeRev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 391.....	<i>“Take My Life”</i> HENDON
New Member Welcome	
* 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.	
Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings	Bob Pierce
Offertory	<i>“Song of Peace”</i> Joseph C. Bridge
* 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	Bob Pierce
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. 343	<i>“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”</i>BEECHER

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*Carillon*”Purcell J. Mansfield

*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 The Rice Children in memory of Marilyn Rice on her birthday.

New members being received this morning are: Marsha Edwards, Sarah Sheppard and Susan Woodworth.

Today is our Family Lunch. Join us at 11:30 a.m., immediately following worship, for a Baked Potato Bar. The Fellowship Committee will furnish baked potatoes, all the fixings, and cupcakes for dessert. Don't miss out on this special treat sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.

The Deacon meeting has been moved to Sunday, January 18, following worship.

Next Sunday, January 18, is "Birthday Sunday" where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of January. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

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.

There are still some openings on The 2026 Flower Chart! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

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."



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>January 2</u> Candace Muzny <u>January 3</u> Mary Gayle McGibbony Betty Nieburg <u>January 4</u> Allyn Florini <u>January 5</u> Andy Meyers	<u>January 7</u> Peggy Leonhard Hank Simpson <u>January 10</u> Michelle Hover Stephen Carroll <u>January 12</u> Stacy Gordon	<u>January 17</u> Tracy Rice <u>January 21</u> Mary Ann Butler Mary Little <u>January 23</u> Leslie Allen <u>January 24</u> Margaret Beam
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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>January 6</u> Cathe and John Talpas	<u>January 15</u> Sally and Bruce Simpson	<u>January 27</u> Helen and Tim Bumpas
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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, January 11 – New Members Received

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

Monday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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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