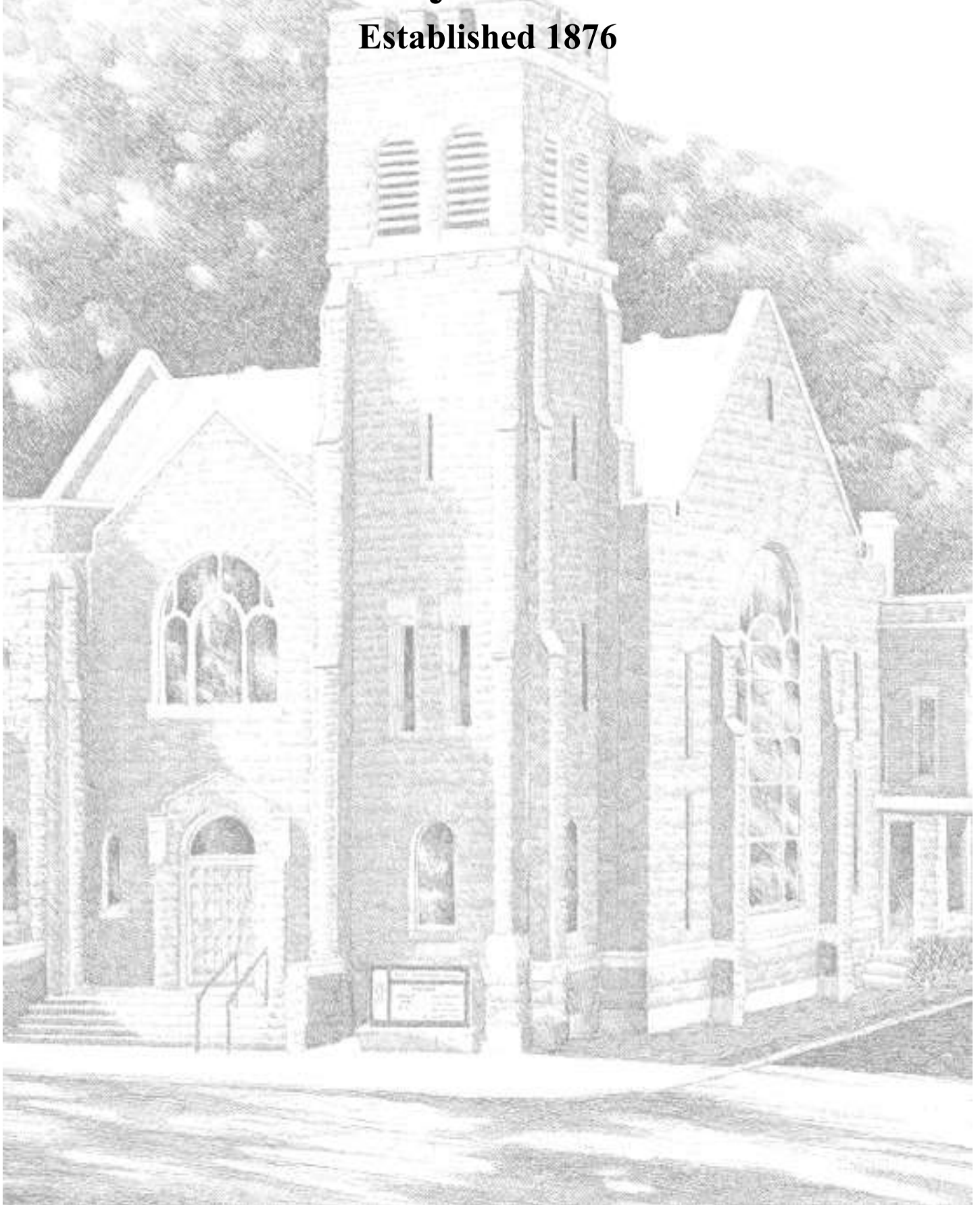


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 5, 2025

Prelude *“Jesus, My Redeemer”* Ernst Naumann

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Fill My Cup, Lord”* Richard Blanchard

Call to Worship Patricia Mills

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body, we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God’s bounty.

Opening Prayer Patricia Mills

Holy and loving God, you call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together at your table just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life. Give us this day our daily bread, that we might be nurtured and nourished as only you can. This we pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

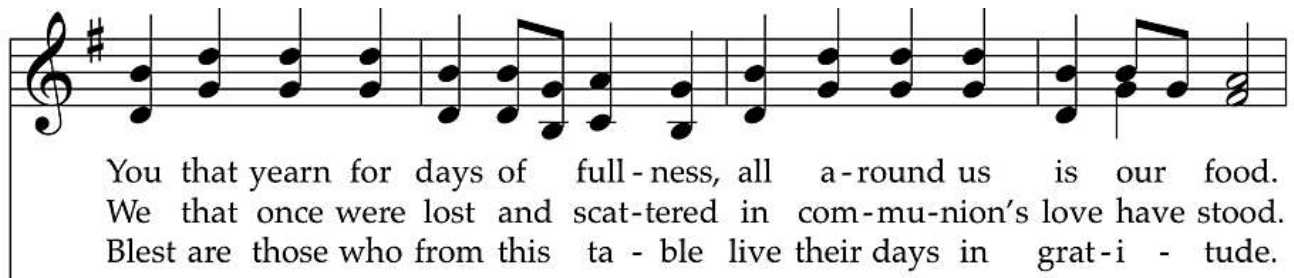
* Hymn of Praise *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”* HOLY MANNA



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je-sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy and abundance, you fed your people in the wilderness, raining down bread from heaven and teaching them to trust in your daily provision. But we confess that we are slow to trust and quick to complain. We hoard what we have, forgetting that you are our Provider. We fail to recognize the needs of others, while clinging tightly to our own comfort and control. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, nourish us with your grace and send us out as one body— united in Christ, to be bread for a broken world.

(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..... Patricia Mills

First Scripture ReadingExodus 16:1-8.....OT Page 62

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *"Bread of the World"*Dennis Eliot

Second Scripture Reading.....Exodus 16:9-21OT Page 63

Sermon Hunger Games Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 281..... *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*CWM RHONDDA

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed Patricia Mills

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 Patricia Mills

Offertory "*Meditation*" 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 Patricia Mills

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

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 508 ... "*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*" KINGDOM

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... "*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*" Paul Manz

*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 and for the many blessings He has given our church so that we may be a blessing to others.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received today: 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.

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 meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. Come hungry and ready for some fun!

Join us for Family Night Supper's "Halloween Party" this 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, 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

Monday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Wednesday, October 8

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, October 9

9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Friday, October 10

9:30 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

Sunday, October 12

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

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