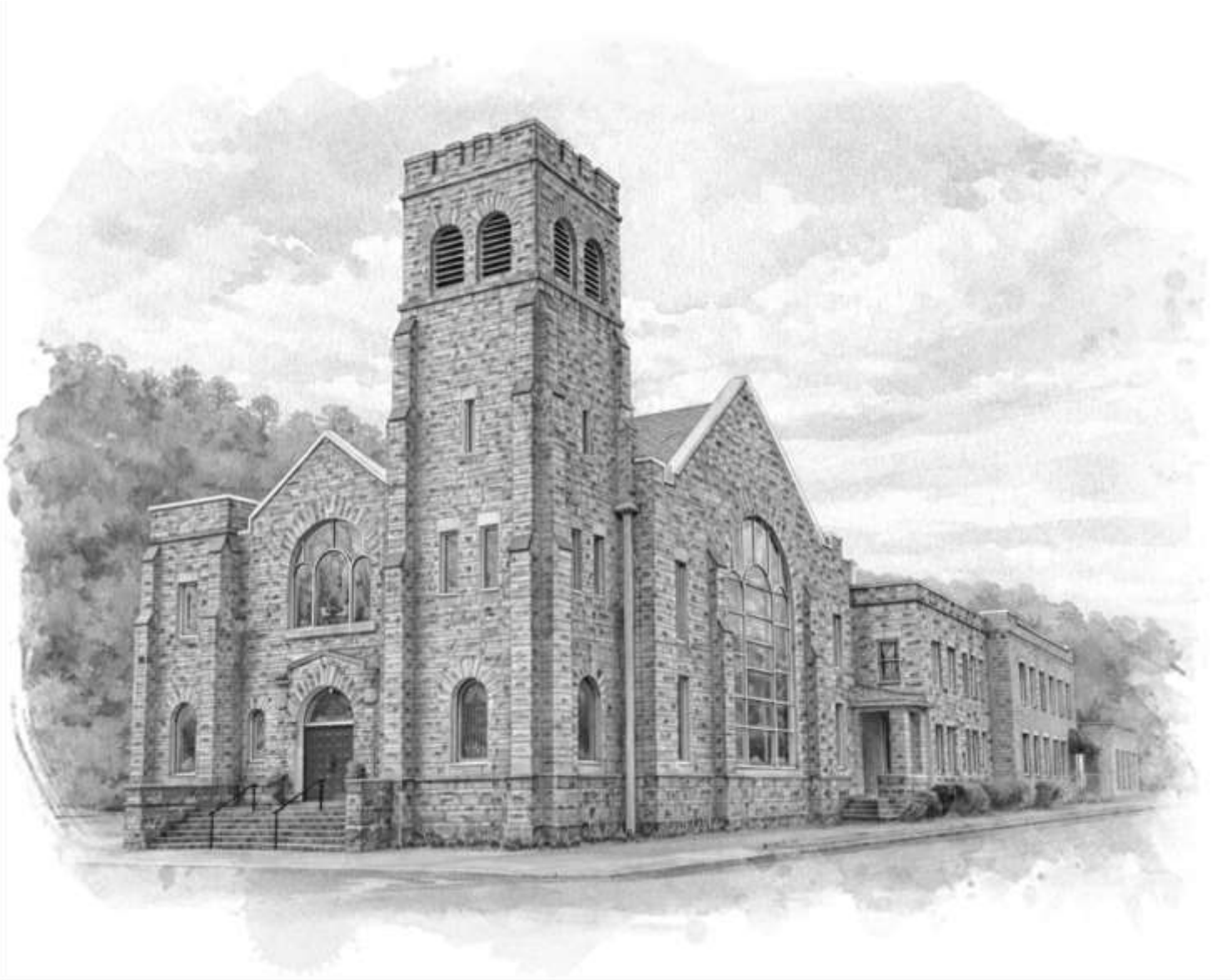
# First Presbyterian Church

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

1876-2026



## 20th Sunday after Pentecost

## October 11, 2026

# *Order of Worship*

Prelude ..... *"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus"* .....Dale Wood

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *"To God Alone Be the Glory"* ..... Tom Fettke

Call to Worship ..... Steve DeMott
Surely, God is in this place,
**Calling us to worship in spirit and in truth.**
Surely, Christ is in this place,
**Receiving our songs and praise.**
Surely, the Spirit is in this place,
**Inspiring us and sending us out.**
Let us praise our God!

Opening Prayer ..... Steve DeMott
Here we are Lord! We come into your house this morning praising your faithfulness, giving thanks for your mercy, seeking the joy of your presence. Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath today. Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Savior and for the Holy Spirit whose presence here unites us as your people. Fill us with your peace today. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 150 ..... *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* .....MADRID

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)
**Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our role in those things, both the parts we cause and the parts we fail to prevent. Forgive us. In humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, that we might love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray.**
(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..... Steve DeMott

First Scripture Reading .....Psalm 106:1-5 .....OT Page 557

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *"Close to Thee"* .....Stan Pethel

Second Scripture Reading.....Philippians 4:1-9.....NT Page 198

Sermon .....A Very Quotable Passage.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 84..... *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*.....RATHBUN

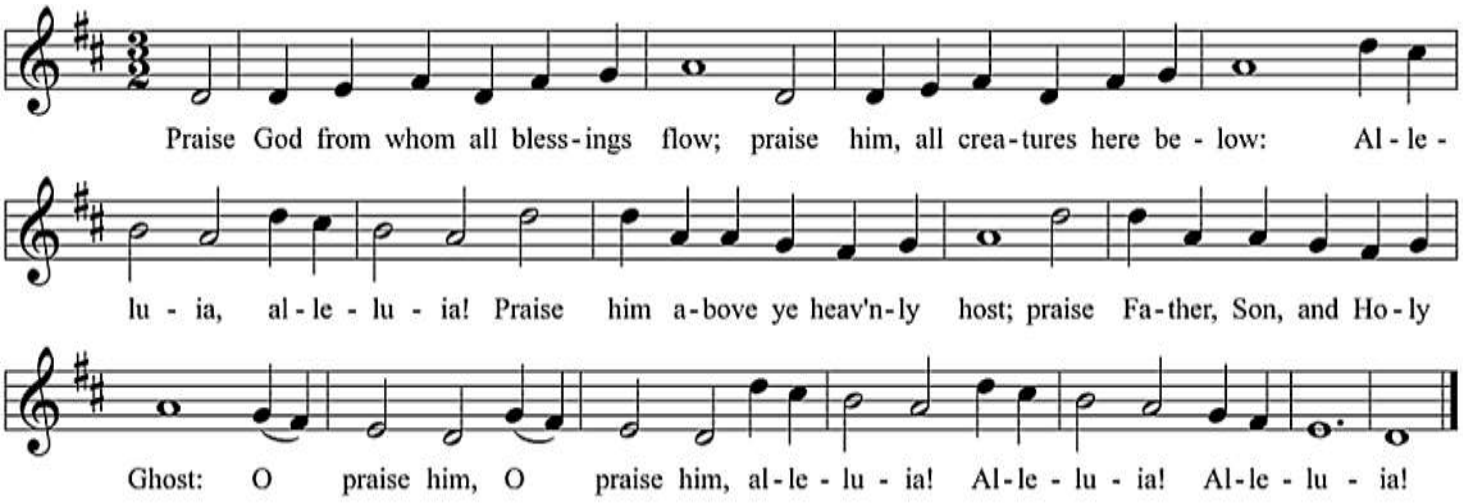
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed ..... Steve DeMott

**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 ..... Steve DeMott

Offertory .....*"Meditation"*.....Paul F. Page

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN




* Prayer of Dedication ..... Steve DeMott

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. 538 ..... *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*.....SICILIAN MARINERS

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... "*Come, Christians Join to Sing"* .....David Lowe

*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 Carolyn Beane in honor and in memory of her mother's birthday.

**Join us for Family Night Supper "Oktoberfest" this Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m.** The Fellowship Committee will provide pulled pork and brats. Members are asked to bring a dish, side dish or dessert to complement an Oktoberfest meal. We will willkommen a special guest entertainer, Laura Lee Williard, a dynamic folk singer known for her soulful voice, engaging stage presence, and skillful blend of rhythm and finger-picking guitar. With roots in traditional folk and bluegrass, she delivers performances that are both heartfelt and highly interactive. Dust off your lederhosen and dirndls for a festive evening of hearty food and lively music!

**Are you getting lost in the Medicare Maze?** Your Medicare Starting Point is an educational workshop to help you sort through the confusion and find your starting point. Bring your questions here to First Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 16, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m. Laura Lee Williard is a Licensed Insurance Agent and will be here to give you a clearer picture.

**Next Sunday, October 18, is "Birthday Sunday"** where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of October. 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.

**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*

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




## *OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

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




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

**Monday, October 12**
9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Whittington Valley Neighborhood Assoc.

**Wednesday, October 14**
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 15**
9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

**Friday, October 16**
10:00 a.m. Medicare Starting Point Workshop
1:00 p.m. Medicare Starting Point Workshop

**Sunday, October 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. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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

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