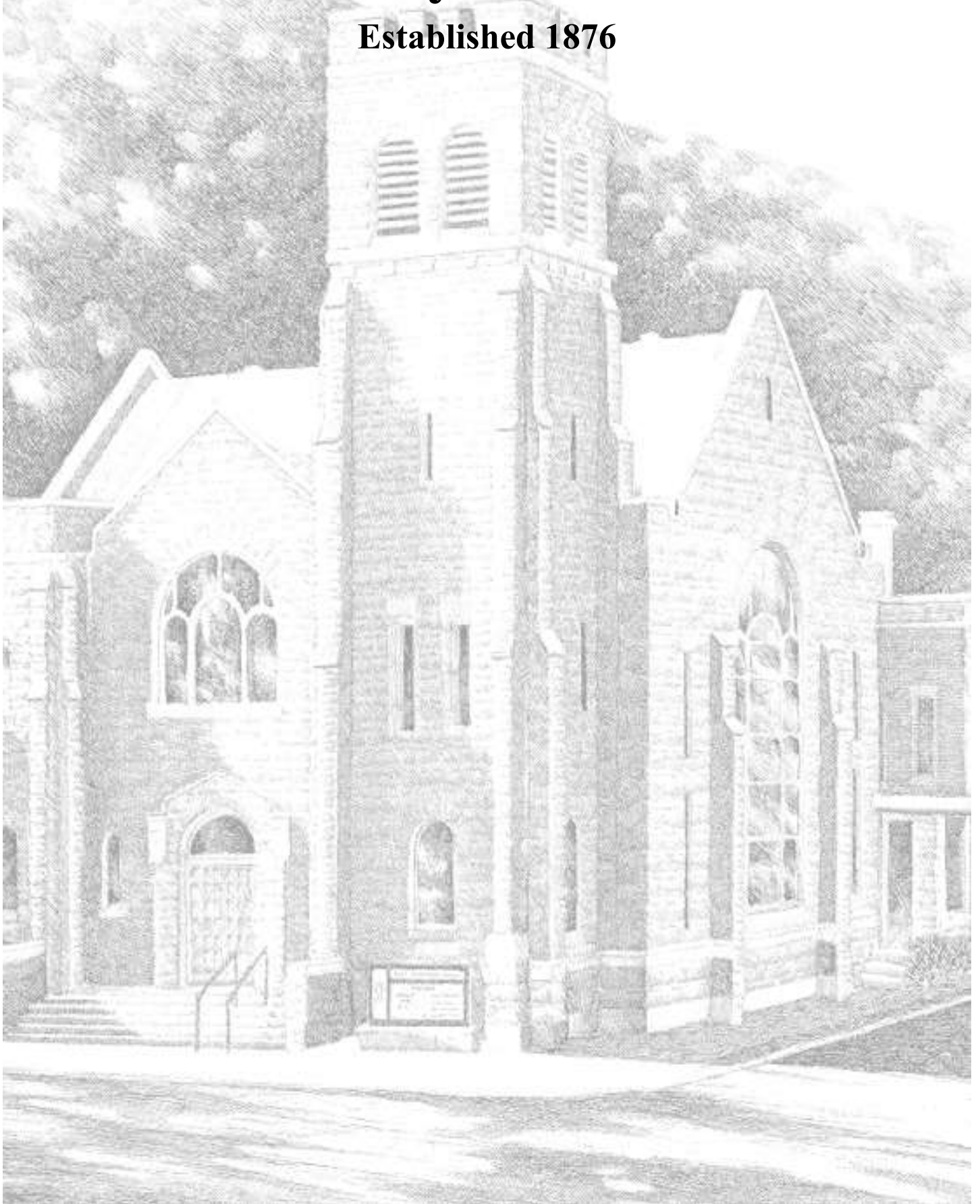


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 19, 2025

Prelude *“Be Thou My Vision”* Dale Wood

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Halle, Halle, Halle”* Hal Thompson

Call to Worship Patricia Mills

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Patricia Mills

Your eyes miss nothing, O God— you look not only at the things we can see but also inside, where we can only imagine. Open our eyes this day to see as you see. Open our ears to hear as you speak. Open our hearts to receive your wisdom, to know your voice, your truth, your grace. As we come together to your word, lead us in your way. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 139 (Red Hymnal) . *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*ASSURANCE

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will. This we pray in Jesus’ name and for His sake.

(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 ReadingPsalm 139:1-6OT Page 577
- Time with Young Disciples
- Anthem..... *“Search Me, O God”*C. Harry Causey
- Second Scripture Reading..... 1 Samuel 16:1-13OT Page 259
- Sermon“Vision Check”Rev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 303 (Red Hymnal) *“Be Thou My Vision”*SLANE
- * 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 FlowHymn 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
- 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. 319 (Red Hymnal).... *“O for a Closer Walk with God”*DALEHURST
- * Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 13*”..... G. F. Handel

*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 Chanty Davis in memory of Gwen Davis (passed on 10/31) and in honor Led Davis' birthday (10/27).

Today 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!

Spa City Youth will meet tonight at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, then to explore what it looks like to "love kindness" from Micah 6:8.

Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Night Out will be at the Splash Wine Bar (325 Ouachita Ave.) on Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m. Many food items have a Cajun influence, but there is a \$10 hamburger special on Wednesday nights. Splash is not completely handicap accessible, but fairly easy to access. It is best to park at the bank next door. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. Please sign up if you are coming. Judy Hoefer needs to call in a count by Monday, October 27.

The Presbyterian Men will have a night out on Wednesday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m. They will meet at Bubba Brews (1252 Airport Rd) for fun and fellowship. Bubba Brews is on Lake Hamilton and offers a variety of classic dinners ensuring something for everyone. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen.

All Saints Day - Sunday, November 2: This is a day to remember all those who have died in the past year. If you have someone you would like remembered, contact the church office (501-624-5646 or office@firstpreshotsprings.org) by Wednesday, October 29.

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."



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 19

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

Monday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 26

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

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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