

First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 26, 2025

Prelude “*Andante*’ from *Organ Sonata in D Minor, Op. 65, No. 6*” ..Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*Hear Ye, Israel*’” from *Elijah*” Felix Mendelssohn
Deleen Davidson, Soprano

Call to Worship Patricia Mills

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth changes, though the mountains tremble and the seas roar.

Come, be still, and know that God is God.

We come to worship the One who calls us to stillness, and to courage.

God is with us—

We will worship and not be afraid.

Opening Prayer Patricia Mills

O God, we have come today to hear from you. Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in this place. Help us to listen for your still, small voice, then give us the courage to go wherever you lead us. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 139 “*Come, Thou Almighty King*”ITALIAN HYMN

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

(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 Reading Mark 4:35-41NT Page 39

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... “*He Watching Over Israel’ from Elijah*” Felix Mendelssohn

Second Scripture Reading..... 1 Kings 19:1-18.....OT Page 326

Sermon The Whispers of GodDr. Ian Aipperspach

* Hymn..... “*God Is Calling through the Whisper*”W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

* 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 “*Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth ’from Elijah*”... Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Jed Kim, Tenor

* 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

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 (See Insert) ... “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*” REPTON

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*Toccata in D Minor*” J.S. Bach

*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 Linda Glover in honor of Matt Barr's birthday.

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.

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.

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."



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>November 2</u> Kathy Hopper <u>November 3</u> Daniel Clinton <u>November 5</u> Shelia Allen Bob Pierce <u>November 6</u> Sally Simpson <u>November 8</u> Carolyn Tennyson	<u>November 9</u> Rebecca Jo Newton Jeff Roper <u>November 11</u> Lynn Landers Shelley Bailey <u>November 14</u> Frani Bailey <u>November 19</u> Dick Mattson Susan McNeill	<u>November 21</u> Nicholas Hinson <u>November 22</u> Allen Lee <u>November 28</u> Carol DeHut <u>November 30</u> Paul Rice
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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>November 11</u> Cindy and Andy Meyers	<u>November 18</u> Carol and Dick Mattson Tracy and Paul Rice	<u>November 30</u> Lynn and Edward King
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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 26

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

Monday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep

Wednesday, October 29

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. PW 5th Wednesday Night Out
5:30 p.m. Presbyterian Men's Night Out

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints' Day

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
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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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

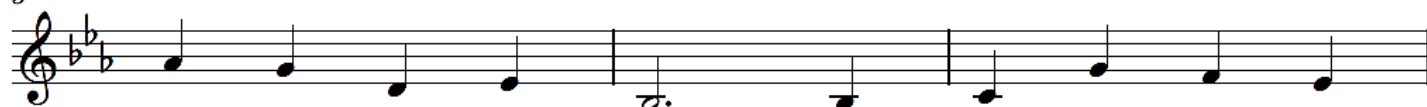
John Greenleaf Whittier

C.H.H. Parry



Dear Lord, Cre - a - - tor____ good and kind, For -
In sim - ple trust____ like____ theirs who heard, Be -
O Sab - bath rest____ by____ Gal - i - lee, O
Drop Thy still dews____ of____ qui - et - ness, till
Breathe through the heats____ of____ our de - sire Thy

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- give our fool - ish ways; Re - clothe us in our
- side the Syr - ian sea, The gra - cious call - ing
calm of hills a - bove, Where Je - sus knelt to
all our stri - vings cease; Take from our souls the
cool - ness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let

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right - ful mind, In pur - er lives Thy ser - vice____ find, In____
of the Lord, Let us, like them, with - out a____ word, Rise____
share with Thee The si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, In -
strain and stress, And let our or - dered lives con - fess The____
flesh re - tire; Speak through the earth - quake, wind, and____ fire, O____

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deep - er rev - erence, praise; in deep - er rev - erence praise.
up and fol - low____ Thee; Rise up and fol - low Thee.
- ter - pre - ted____ by____ love! In - ter - pre - ted by Love!
beau - ty of____ Thy____ peace; The beau - ty of Thy peace.
still, small voice of____ calm; O still, small voice of calm!