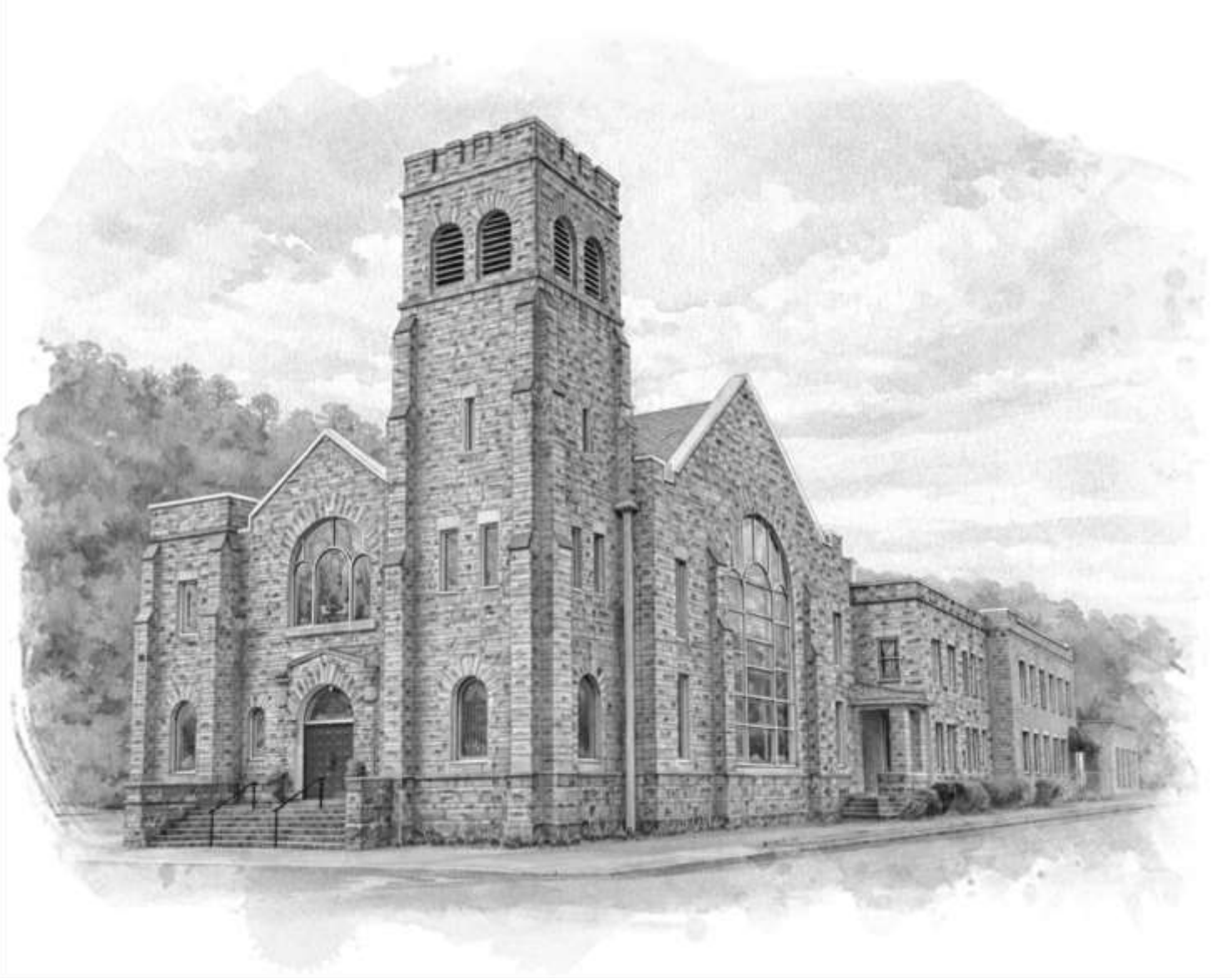
First Presbyterian Church

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

1876-2026



19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

Order of Worship

Prelude ..... *"I Come with Joy"* .....Lani Smith

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *"Psalm 103"* ..... Bob Krogstad

Call to Worship .....Jeff Carr

The whole world is in God's hands.

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

As people of Christ, with our sisters and brothers around the world, we gather around the table to praise:

Thanks be to God, who created the world and called it good!

Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering. Bless this world, with your overflowing love.

Alleluia! Amen!

Opening Prayer .....Jeff Carr

Holy God, from all corners of earth, your people sing your praise and prepare to feast at your Table. Thank you for the opportunity to share worship around the globe as we sing in different languages, eat varied types of bread, and share this joyful communion with believers of different ages, races, and languages. Gather us all into your loving embrace as we rejoice, sharing Christ's love made visible in the meal we share. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 461 ..... *"God Is Here!"* .....ABBOT'S LEIGH

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ 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.....Jeff Carr

First Scripture Reading .....Psalm 19:1-14 .....OT Page 498

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *"Invitation to Communion"* .....Deborah Govenor

Second Scripture Reading..... Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 .....OT Page 66

Sermon ..... Our Common Bond.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 507..... *"I Come with Joy"* .....DOVE OF PEACE

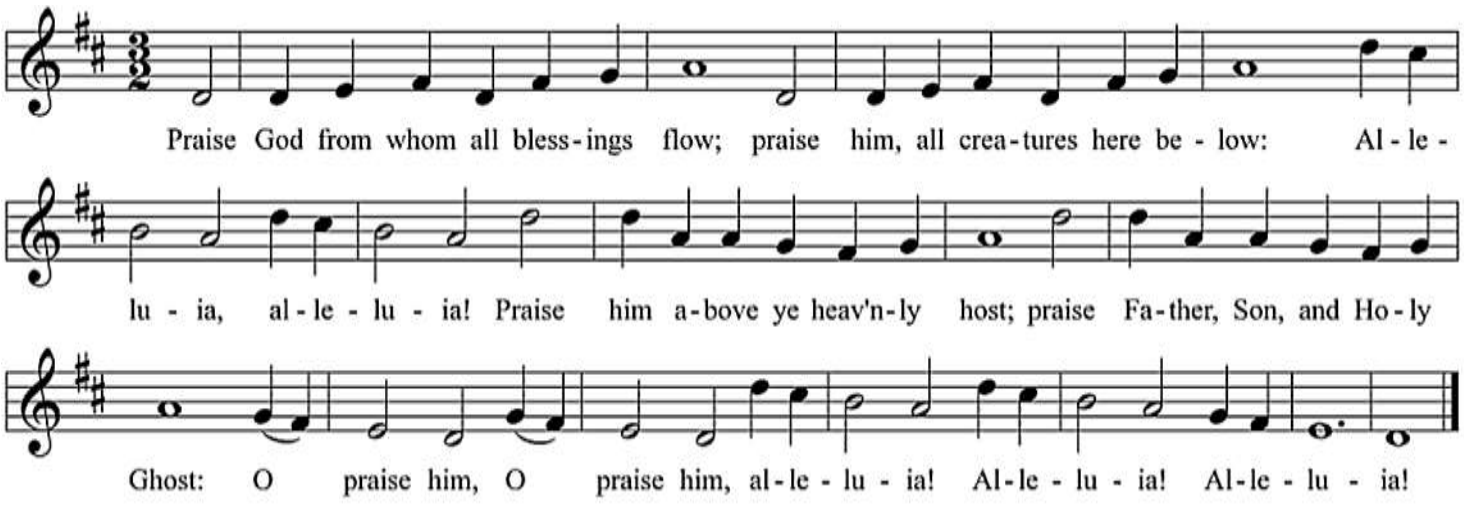
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed .....Jeff Carr

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 .....Jeff Carr

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

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



* Prayer of Dedication .....Jeff Carr

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. 514 ..... *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* .....LINSTEAD

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude....."*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*..... John Behnke

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 in thanks for friendships.

The World Communion Offering will be received today: The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. 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.

Join us for Family Night Supper "Oktoberfest" on 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, who is 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!

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

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



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 Janet and Steve Van Pelt **October 2** Anna and Brian Geltner **October 4** Dianna and David Thayer **October 12** Dawn and Bill Cattaneo	**October 16** Elaine and Mike Muzny **October 23** Barbara and Jim Davis **October 31** Susan and Allen Lee 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 4 – 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 5
9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Wednesday, October 7
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8
9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Friday, October 9
9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

Sunday, October 11
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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