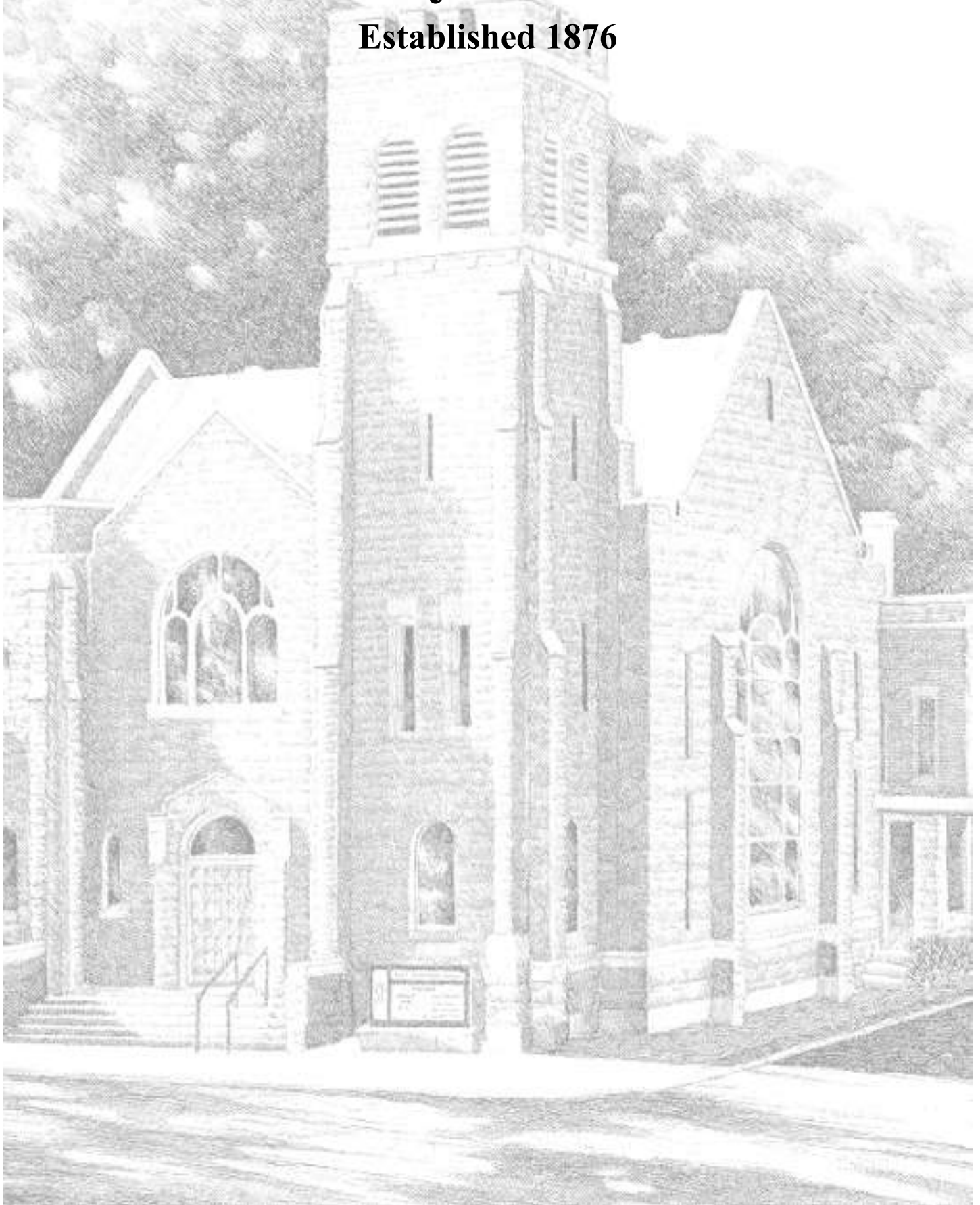


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Prelude *“My Prayer Is to Thee”*Dennis Eliot

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Adam Woodworth

Introit..... *“We Have Gathered”*Stan Pethel

Call to Worship Steve DeMott

God says, “Seek the welfare of the place where you are, for in its peace you will find your peace.”

We will root ourselves in this moment, trusting that God is here.

God promises, “I know the plans I have for you—plans for a future with hope.”

We believe that God’s hope is stronger than despair, God’s love deeper than fear.

Come, let us seek and find the God who is already among us.

We come to worship the One who makes every place holy.

Opening Prayer Steve DeMott

Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem. Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable, nor so familiar as to be conventional. Prepare us for the unexpected. Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in praise of our savior. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 464 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*HYMN TO JOY

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, You call us to seek the welfare of the place where we are planted— to build, to tend, to love, and to hope. Yet too often, we withdraw from the world’s pain, wishing for escape instead of transformation. You promise a future filled with hope, but we confess how easily fear clouds our vision. You promise us a plan, and we doubt or resist, making our own plan instead. Forgive us. In your mercy, God of new beginnings, plant in us a hope that takes root and grows strong.

(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	Philippians 1:1-6.....NT Page 196
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem.....	<i>“God of Harvest Praise”</i> Lloyd Larsen
Second Scripture Reading.....	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14.....NT Page 731
Sermon	<i>“The Blessings of Tomorrow”</i> Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 418.....	<i>“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”</i> ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

* 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

*After the offering plate passes by you, bring your
pledge card forward and place it on the communion table.*

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.**

* Litany of Dedication Steve DeMott

Receive these gifts, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these gifts in humble thanks for the love you give to us.

Accept these pledges, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these pledges in gratitude for your promises to us.

Renew our commitment, O God.

We offer to you, O God, our lives, our time, our talents, and our gifts, in grateful thanks for all that you are.

Let us be surprised this year.

May our eyes, our minds and our hearts be opened this year. May we be surprised in our lives, in our church and in our ministry together.

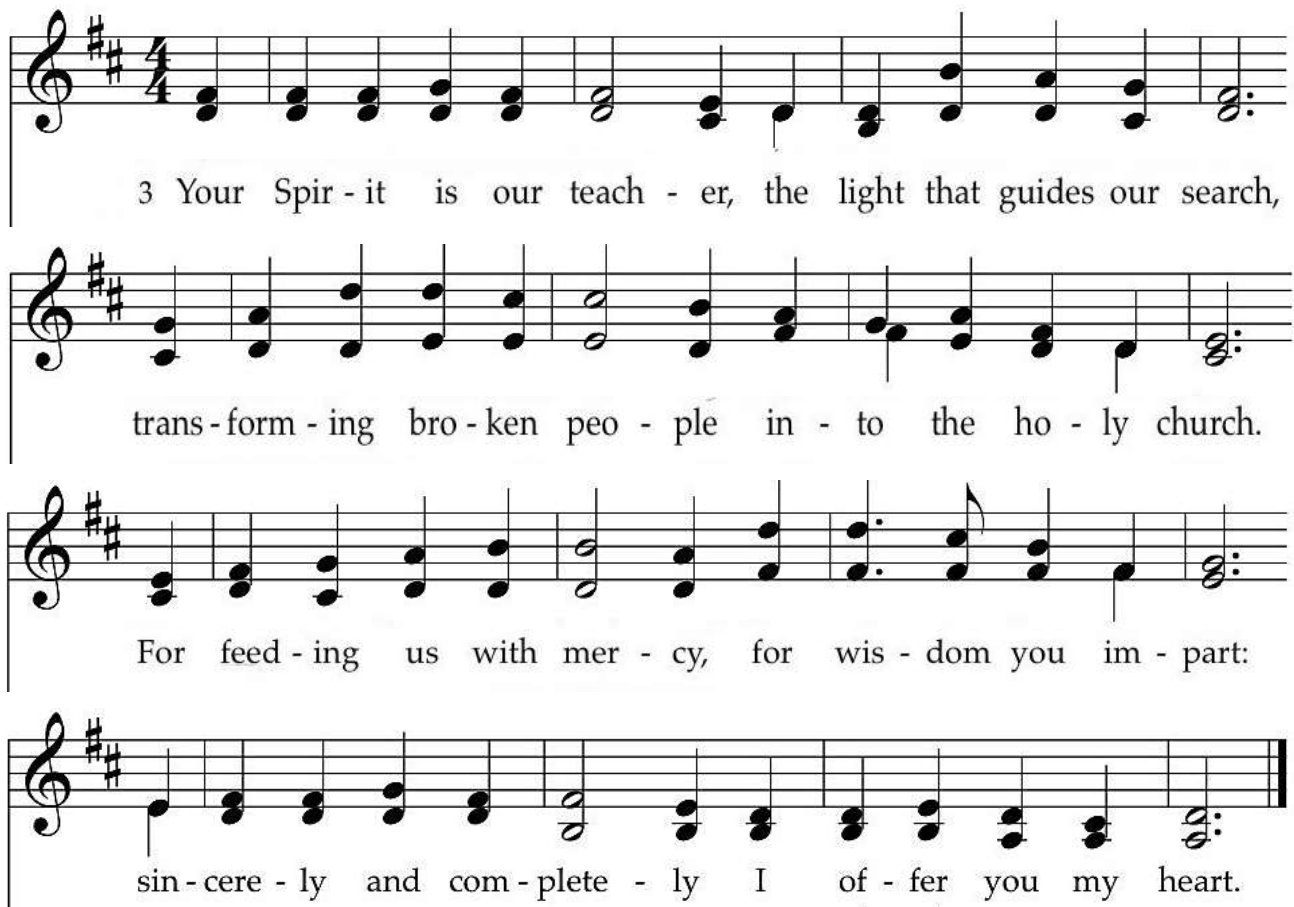
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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

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 (Verse 3) *"Great God of Every Blessing"* AURELIA



3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *"Joyful, Joyful"* Michael D. Costello

*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 Patricia and Paul Mills in honor of Shelley Bailey's birthday.

Birthday Cake Sunday is today, where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of November. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

Family Night Supper's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will furnish the turkey and members are asked to bring a dish or dessert to compliment a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Chris Joannides, Director of the Community Resources Center, will talk about what he and others in the community are doing to assist those less fortunate with food, clothing, and other needs.

You are invited to join us for Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 23, following worship, as we prepare the house of our Lord to celebrate His birth. There are jobs for every skill level, so everyone can help and pizza will be served for lunch! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. Please remember to sign up as a head count will be needed for lunch.

SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! PW is asking for sock donations to help people keep their feet warm and dry during this upcoming winter season. We need mostly men's heavy socks, but some women's as well. Nobody deserves to have cold, wet feet. Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I say unto you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me"*. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall or you can leave them at Bargain Box. We will collect them till the end of November. Contact Carol Mattson with questions.

The 2026 Flower Chart is available to sign up to donate Sunday flowers! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

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, November 16 – Dedication Sunday/Birthday Sunday

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
3:00 p.m. Spa City Youth at Royal Sanctuary Therapy Farm

Monday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Tuesday, November 18

10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, November 19

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

Saturday, November 22

2:00 p.m. Leon Davis Memorial Service

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

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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