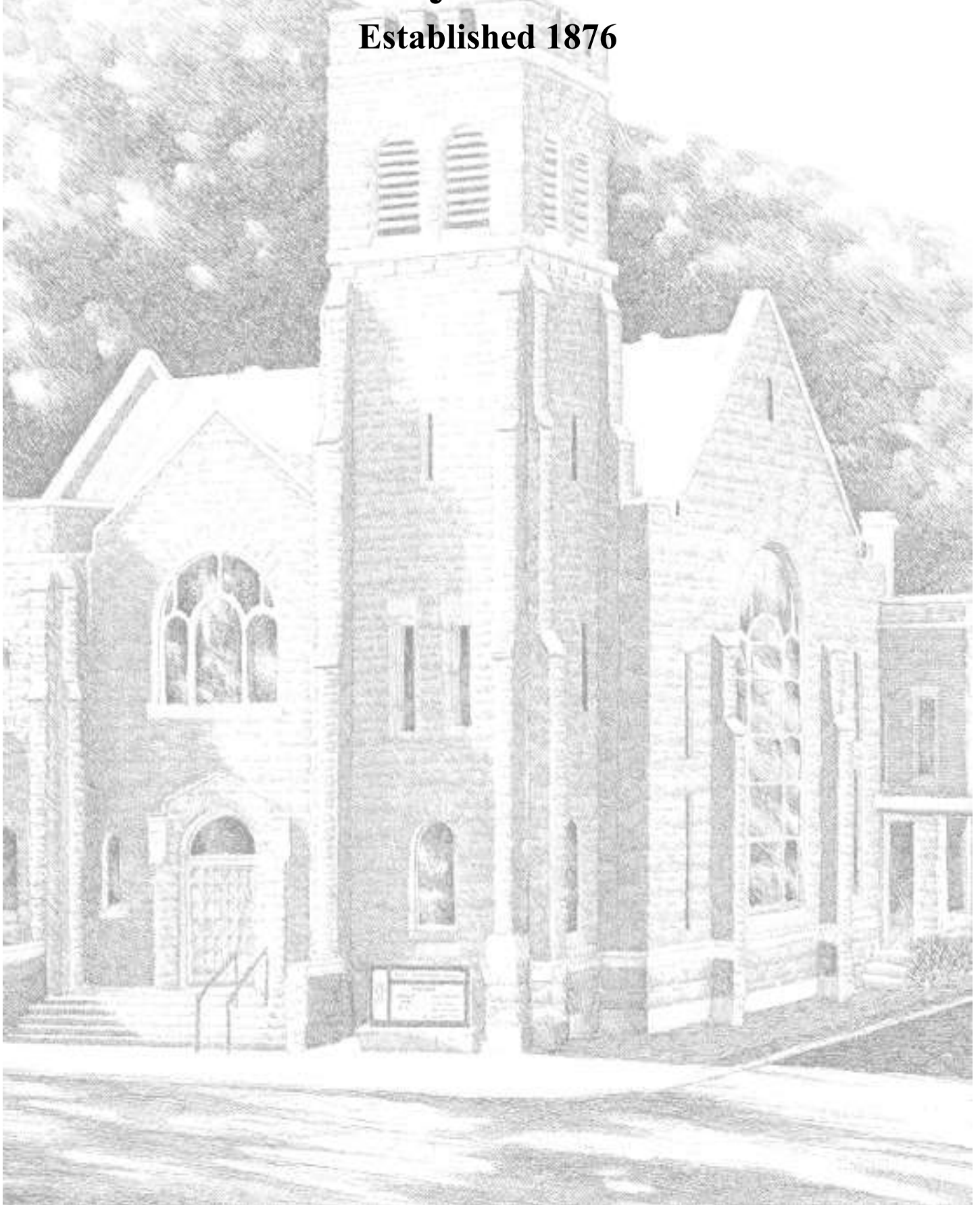


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Communion / All Saints' Day
November 2, 2025

Prelude *"The Church's One Foundation"* Todd Kendall

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Kathy White

Introit..... *"Praise Ye the Lord"* Gordon Young

Call to Worship Paul Mills

We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With the saints of every age

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's Holy name be praised.

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

Generous God, you called us here today, standing in the presence of such a great cloud of witnesses. In your church you have called us and made a place for us. So let what we say and do here, what we ponder and declare, be real for us and honest to you, as you prepare us for the living of these days. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 526 *"For All the Saints"* SINE NOMINE

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all generations, through you, we are connected to all the saints who have come before and those who will come after. Like them, you call us to leave our old ways behind, but we confess that we like our comfortable lives. You call us to be a blessing to all, but often we want to keep the blessing for ourselves. Forgive us, God. Help us to hear your voice and to let go of what holds us back. Lead us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel.

(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.....	Paul Mills
First Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:14-21NT Page 193
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem.....	<i>“For All the Saints ‘Sine Nomine’”</i> Gordon Young
Second Scripture Reading.....	Genesis 12:1-9OT Page 10
Sermon	The Blessings of Yesterday.....Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 276.....	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>FAITHFULNESS
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed	Paul 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	Paul Mills
Offertory	<i>“Agnus Dei”</i>Edward Elgar
* 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	Paul Mills
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	
<i>You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.</i>	
Closing Prayer	

Litany for the Communion of the Saints

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you, their God. We remember the apostles, martyrs, and saints of every time and place who, in life and death, have witnessed your truth and righteousness.

We praise you, O God, for these ancestors of our faith who have lived the mind and heart of Christ and challenged us to remain true to the values they proclaimed.

This morning we celebrate the lives of persons we loved who have completed their physical lives here on earth. Whether at First Presbyterian Church or in our community, we witnessed the ways they practiced their faith and expressed your loving-kindness.

These individuals touched us personally. In their actions we witnessed your glory. Their example inspired our faith. In their smile we saw your image, O God.

We celebrate these persons, O God, and their lives in your service. Receive now our grateful praise as we recall the names of these our loved ones:

Thomas Perkins Barton

Don Gigerich

Judy Mutter

Tom Beam

Dan Hill

Sallie Sheppard

Gene Brooks

Clarice King

Gary Stoops

Rev. Carol Clark

Merrilyn Smith Mann

Charles Ray Sullivan

Sammie Clingenpeel

Tim Martin

Judy Tucker

Erwin Cook

Betty Clippard Matheney

Irene Whitford

Teresa Annette Crow

Nancy Mitchell

Marilyn Davidson

Marilyn Sue Mooney

* Closing Hymn (Verse 1) "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “*Song for All Saints*” Mary McDonald

*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 Led Davis in honor of family.

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.

The Spa City Youth will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. Come hungry and ready for some fun activities!

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.

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 2 – Communion / All Saints' Day

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

Monday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Wednesday, November 5

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box

Thursday, November 6

10:30 a.m. Mission Committee Lunch Prep at Jackson House

Saturday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Master Naturalists Meeting

Sunday, November 9

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

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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