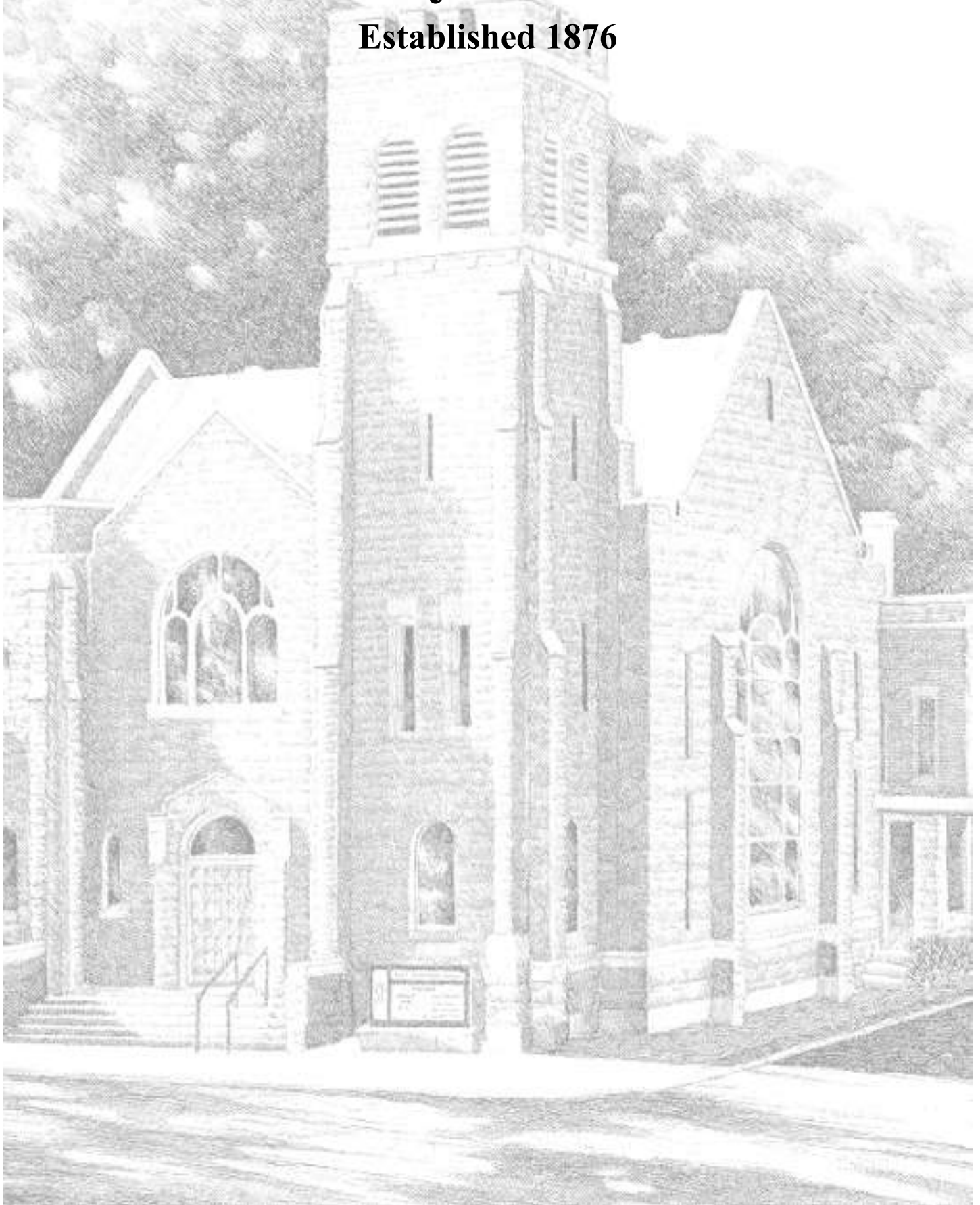


# First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 1, 2026**

Prelude ..... *“Prelude III”* ..... George Oldroyd

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Psalm 103”* ..... Bob Krogstad

Call to Worship ..... Steve DeMott

Come, all who long for new life.

**Let us worship the God who brings newness and hope.**

Come, all who seek light in a world of shadows.

**We come to walk in truth and grace.**

God so loves the world—every body, every nation, every neighbor.

**We receive that love and commit ourselves to share it.**

Opening Prayer ..... Steve DeMott

Holy and Living God, you breathe new life into weary hearts and stir hope where we have grown tired. As we worship, transform us from the inside out, so that our faith may become action, and our prayers become justice, compassion, and peace. In the name of Christ, we pray.  
**Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 482 ..... *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”* ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy one, the winds of your Spirit beckon us to follow, but we cannot hear the wind over the noise we have created. Again and again, you call us to believe. Again and again, we look the other way. You offer us freedom, but we choose independence, pretending that we have ultimate control. You offer us life, but we find ourselves perishing, buried under the weight of our own self-interest. Forgive us, God of life. Heal us, and bring us peace.**

(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 ..... Psalm 139:13-18 ..... OT Page 578

Time with Young Disciples

- Anthem..... *“Come, Sing a Song of Joy!”* .....Patti Drennan
- Second Scripture Reading..... John 3:1-21 .....NT Page 93
- Sermon .....A Different Sight.....Rev. Leslie Roper
- \* Hymn No. 263..... *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* .....ST. DENIO
- \* 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 ..... Steve DeMott
- 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.**
- \* Prayer of Dedication ..... Steve DeMott
- 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 485. .... *“To God Be the Glory”* ..... TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*To God Be the Glory*” ..... Benjamin Lane

*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 on her heavenly birthday.

**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 Session will meet today at 3:30 p.m.**

**Ashes to Ashes...** Your worship committee invites you to take part in one of the most meaningful services of our Christian year- the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m. Beginning our observance of Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, Ash Wednesday is a time when we admit that our lives are finite and short, and that they belong in the loving care of our Master and Lord. It is a time when we are honest about ourselves, sins and all, and take comfort in knowing that God loves us just the way we are. Whether this is part of your regularly spiritual routine or it would be your first time, make plans now to attend. You will not regret it.



**Family Night Supper** has been moved to Ash Wednesday, February 18. Come have breakfast for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and then head to the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m.

**Save The Date – May 16-17, 2026:** Make plans now to come help celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church Hot Springs! There will be building tours, a family celebration, special concert, anniversary worship, catered lunch, and a mural presentation. More details will follow. If you have questions or know someone who needs an invitation, contact [fpchotsprings150@gmail.com](mailto:fpchotsprings150@gmail.com).

**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."



## ***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS***

<p><b><u>February 1</u></b>  Melissa Cantacuzene  Jackson Florini-Parker  Bill Pathmann  Jonas Westmoreland</p> <p><b><u>February 2</u></b>  Elissa Poole  Jordan Roper</p> <p><b><u>February 3</u></b>  Theo Byrne</p> <p><b><u>February 4</u></b>  Ashley Hopkins  Sally Pierce</p> <p><b><u>February 5</u></b>  Cora Mills</p> <p><b><u>February 9</u></b>  Judy Forrester  Darlene Sellars  Jennifer Winston</p>	<p><b><u>February 14</u></b>  Adlee Muzny</p> <p><b><u>February 15</u></b>  David Mills  Neil Simmons</p> <p><b><u>February 16</u></b>  Randall Pierce</p> <p><b><u>February 17</u></b>  Ian Poole  June Scully</p> <p><b><u>February 18</u></b>  Brenda Brandenburg</p> <p><b><u>February 20</u></b>  Jay Patterson</p> <p><b><u>February 21</u></b>  Jamie Williams</p> <p><b><u>February 23</u></b>  Stephanie Poole</p>	<p><b><u>February 24</u></b>  Dawn Cattaneo  Barbara Keys  Tatum Rice</p> <p><b><u>February 25</u></b>  Mary James</p> <p><b><u>February 27</u></b>  Darin Garner</p> <p><b><u>February 28</u></b>  Ian Aipperspach  Amanda Davis  Jan Kelley</p> <p><b><u>February 29</u></b>  Stanley Grise</p>
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## ***FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES***

<p><b><u>February 15</u></b>  Peggy and Don Leonhard</p>
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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, February 1 - Communion**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion  
11:30 a.m. Handbells  
3:30 p.m. Session Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

**Monday, February 2**

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

**Wednesday, February 4**

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

**Thursday, February 5**

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

**Sunday, February 8**

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

**There are a few openings on The 2026 Flower Chart!** 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***

**Prayer Requests:** Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, [jsar43@gmail.com](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto: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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