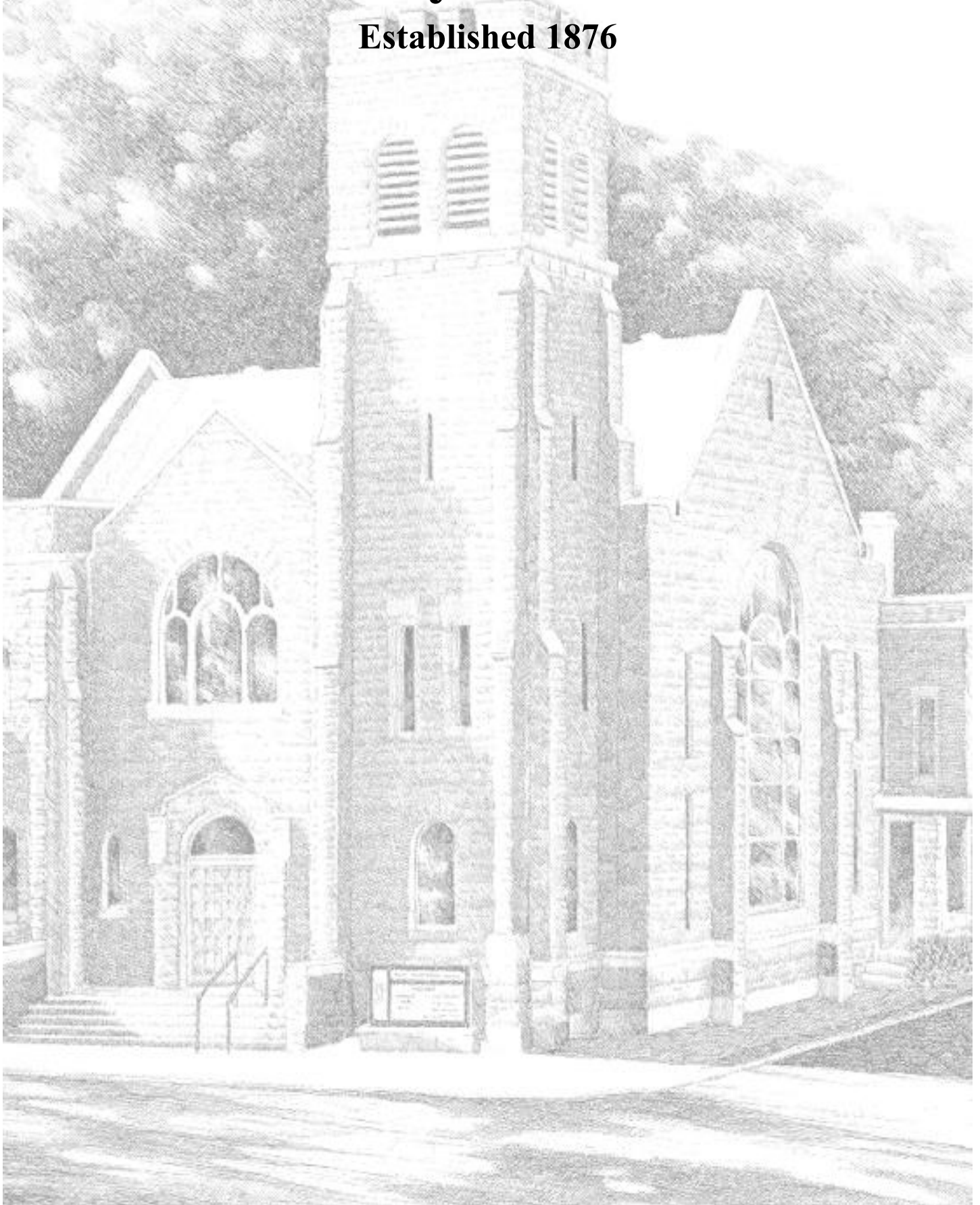


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



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9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

Prelude *“Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose”* Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Panis Angelicus (O, Lord Most Holy)”* César Franck
Jace Blair, Soloist

*O Lord, I pray to Thee, Almighty God above;
Your glory shines on me, Come bless me with your love.
Great is your name adored on high for evermore;
Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord!*

Call to Worship Paul Mills

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Friends, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

Merciful God, we come together to worship longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come desperately needing direction. Fill us this morning with your peace: your spirit is our peace and our path. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 467 *“How Great Thou Art”* O STORE GUD

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful and loving God, there are so many reasons we need your forgiveness. When we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are harsh, gentle our spirit. When we are apathetic, show us your suffering children. When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb. Forgive us and shape us, that we will live with blessing and grace.

(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 Galatians 5:22-25NT Page 191

Blessing of the Backpacks

Favorite Hymn

Second Scripture Reading.....Matthew 5:1-12.....NT Page 4

SermonGentleness.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 392..... *“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”*HALL

* 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 *“Aria”*Craig Phillips

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowHymn 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

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 “Together We Serve” SAN ANSELMO



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude “How Great Thou Art” Dan Miller

*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 Jackie and Pat Edwards in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place today. During worship we will pray for all those who are heading back to the classroom this season- students and teachers, janitors and principals, resource officers, school counselors and more. We will pray for our schools as they embark on another year of learning and growth.

Family Night Supper Ice Cream Social



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.*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>August 1</u> Pat Edwards Steve Van Pelt <u>August 7</u> Michael Carr	<u>August 11</u> Karen DeMott <u>August 15</u> Suzanne Cain <u>August 16</u> Leslie Hardin	<u>August 25</u> Chris Chapmond Susan Paparella <u>August 29</u> Richard Muse
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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>August 5</u> Kathy and Tom Harst <u>August 6</u> Theo and Bob Byrne <u>August 7</u> Jackie and Pat Edwards	<u>August 8</u> Betty and Bill Nieburg <u>August 25</u> Janet and Richard Muse
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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, August 10

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

5:00 p.m. Whittington Valley Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting

11:30 a.m. Handbells

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the
blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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