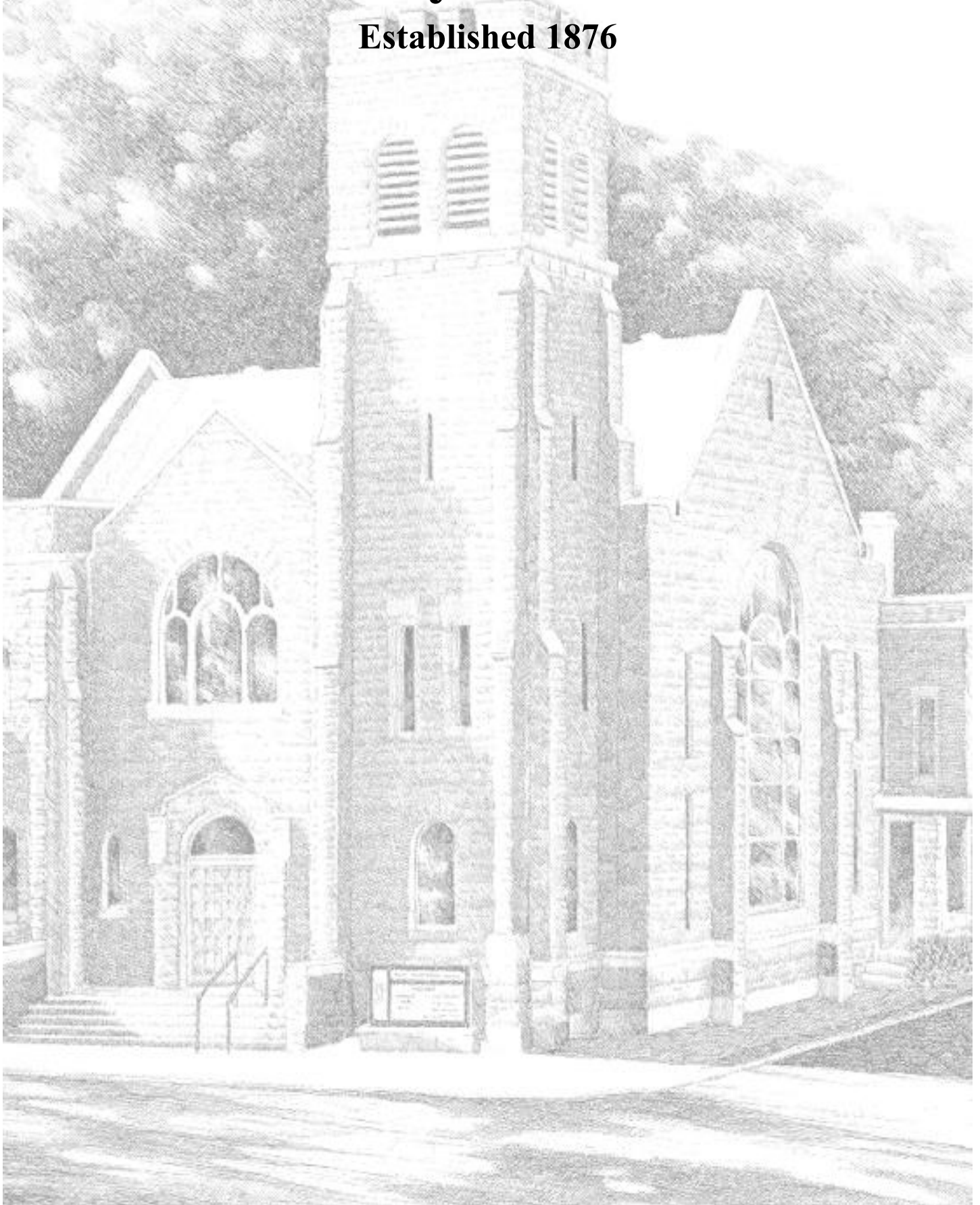


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 17, 2025

Prelude “*Adagio Sostenuto*” Joseph Haydn

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*Faithful Is God*” Joseph Martin

Call to Worship Paul Mills

Welcome this day to a time of rest.

We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Place your lives in the loving hands of God

May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Trust in God who is always with you.

Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies.

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

It’s your voice we long for this morning, Lord, thundering into our lives, mighty and powerful.
The voice of wisdom instructing us, the voice of justice inspiring us, the voice of hope encouraging us, the voice of love calling us home. Give us ears to hear this morning, we pray this in Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 263 “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*” ST. DENIO

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned. Even though we want to do what is right, we did not always succeed this week. Not only did we fail to do what was right, but at times we consciously chose to think and act in ways we knew were wrong. Forgive us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

(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 5:22-25	NT Page 191
Time with Young Disciples		
Anthem.....	<i>“Lead Me, Lord”</i>	S. S. Wesley
Second Scripture Reading.....	Romans 7:15-25a	NT Page 157
Sermon	Self-Control.....	Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 370.....	<i>“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”</i>	WOODWORTH
* 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>“Meditation”</i>	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	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 No. 538	<i>“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”</i>	SICILIAN MARINERS
* Charge & Benediction		

Postlude.....“Toccata” Giovanni Battista Martini

*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 150th Anniversary Planning Committee will have their first meeting on Sunday, August 24, at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Flood Bucket Donations: Ferncliff has shipped flood buckets to our neighbors in the south and need to restock their inventory! The Mission Committee has set a goal of our church completing 27 flood buckets- one in memory of each of the lives lost at Camp Mystic during the flooding. You can help in two ways:

- Purchase supplies to help fill the buckets. You'll find a complete list on the table outside the sanctuary.
- Donate money. If you'd rather write a check (or give online) instead of shopping, feel free. Just memo the donation to "Flood Buckets" and we will use that money to buy all the supplies that we need. Any donation amount would be appreciated, but to fully fund a bucket is \$75.00.

Donations of supplies, and of money, will be collected throughout the month of August.

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 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

Monday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Court of Honor

Wednesday, August 20

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
12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Committee 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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