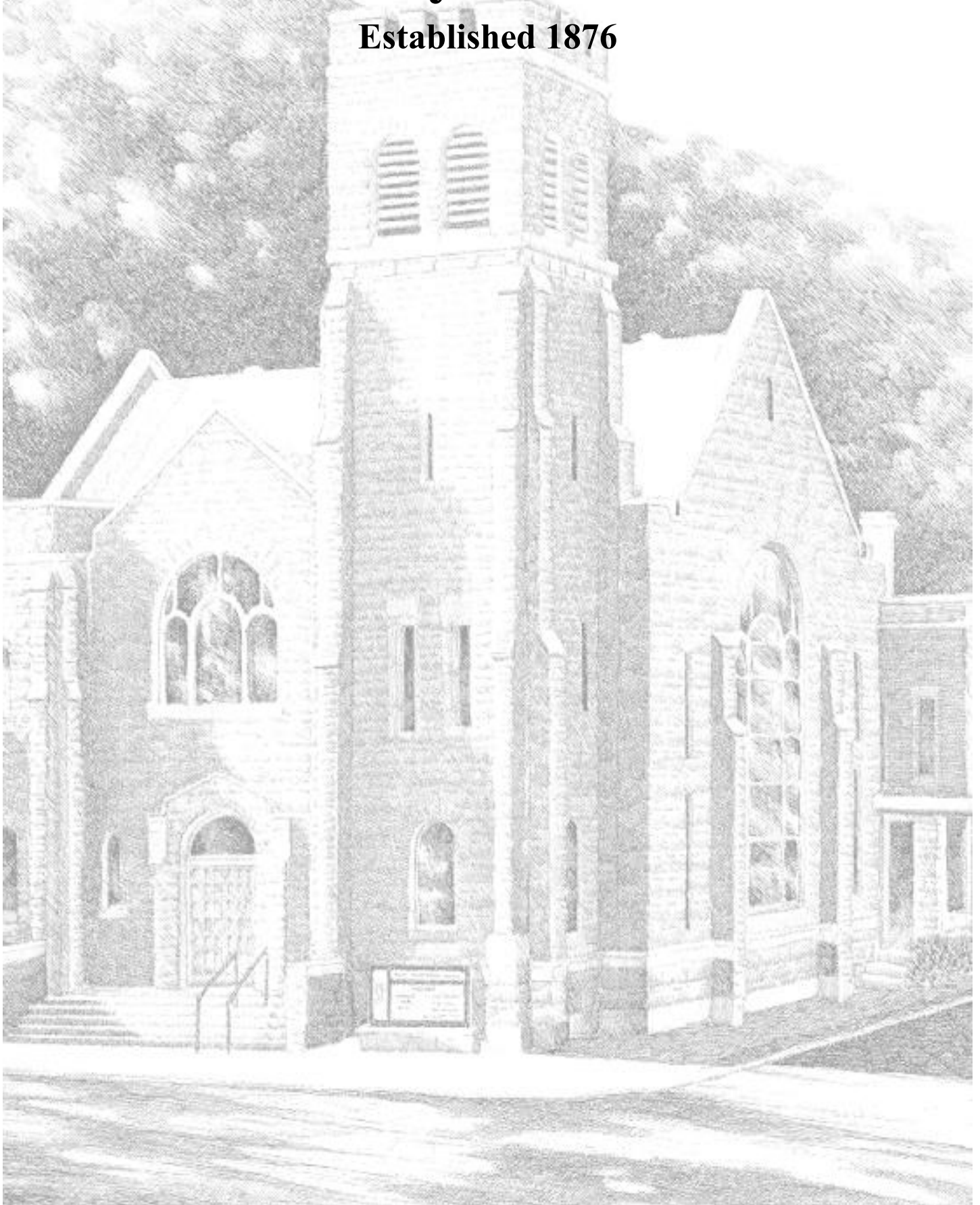


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025

Prelude *“Come Thou Fount”* Paul Manz

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“A Jubilant Song”* Allen Pote

Call to Worship Paul Mills

Give to the Lord your whole trust.

We place our lives in God’s care.

Know that God has always and will always be with you.

We place our spirits in God’s embrace.

Worship God in confidence and peace.

We open our hearts to God’s incredible love.

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning with confidence that you will meet us here. Where there is sadness, bring joy; where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope. Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us, a home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to you. We pray this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 470 *“O Day of Radiant Gladness”* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVÖGELEIN

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus’ name.

(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	Jeremiah 1:4-10.....OT Page 698
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem.....	<i>“Sing, O Heavens”</i> Joseph Martin
Second Scripture Reading.....	Luke 13:10-17.....NT Page 76
Sermon	Take a Break.....Rev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 391.....	<i>“Take My Life”</i> HENDON
* 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..... *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*KINGSFOLD



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *"Postlude on an Original Antiphon"* Christopher Uehlein

*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 Ric Poole in memory of Patsy and Orville Poole.

We apologize for omitting the August birthday list from last Sunday's birthday cake celebration. A complete list of August birthdays will be displayed on the table during Fellowship time following worship.

The 150th Anniversary Planning Committee will have their first meeting today immediately following worship. A light lunch will be provided.

Flood Bucket Donations: We will be collecting donations for one more week to help restock Ferncliff's inventory of flood buckets! If you haven't brought in your donations, be sure to do so by Sunday, August 31. Once the buckets are filled and ready to be delivered, we will have them in worship one Sunday morning and pray over the buckets and the families who will one day receive them. 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.

The Presbyterian Women's Directory needs to be updated. Please check your directory for changes or errors and submit them to Tammy in the church office so the corrections can be made for the new directory. Thank you!

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."



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 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

Monday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep

Wednesday, August 27

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
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
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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