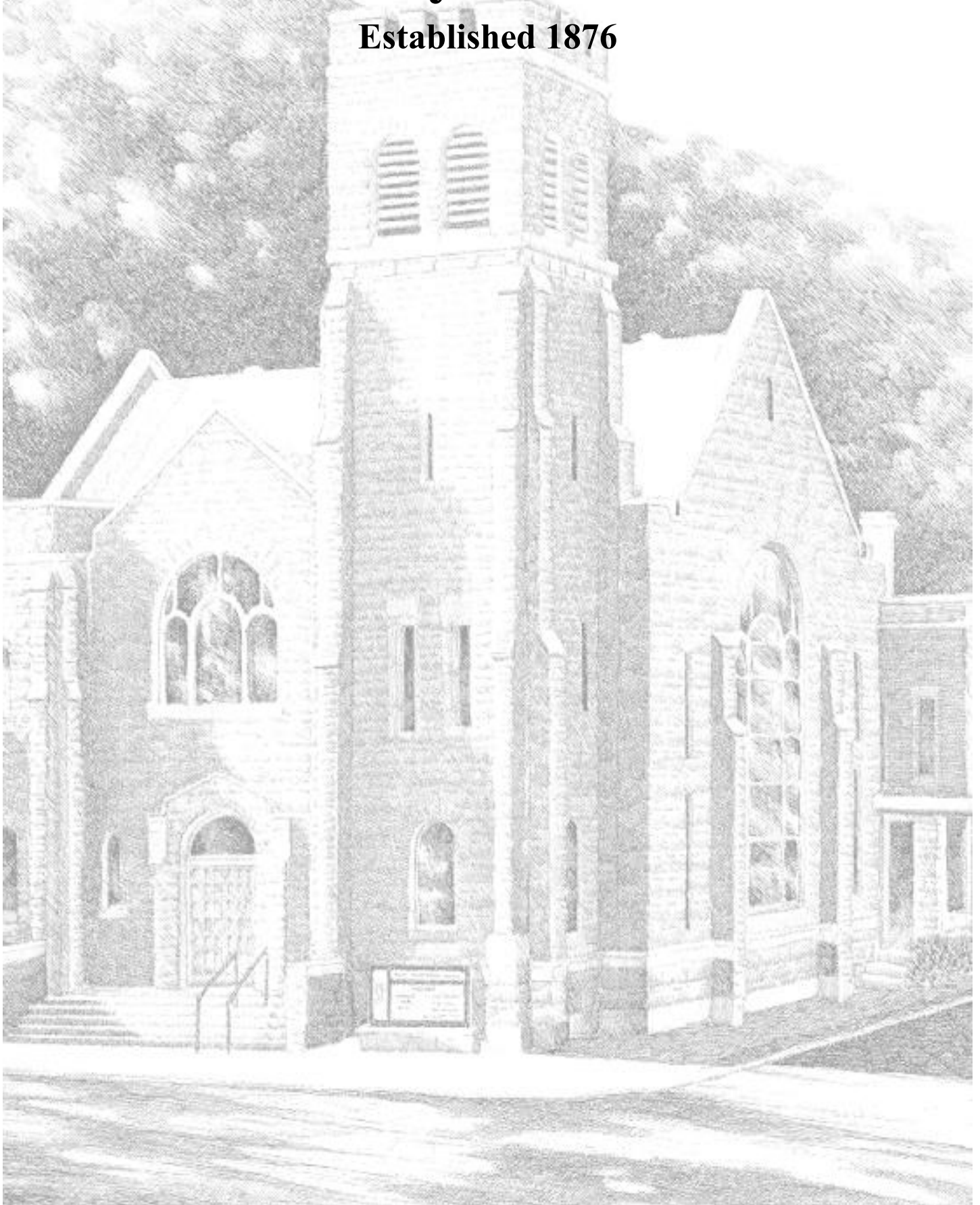


First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

Prelude “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” Al Travis

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*” Craig Courtney

Call to Worship Paul Mills

Friends, be strong and do not fear, for we are in the presence of God.

Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

God brings forth abundance where before there was scarcity.

There is nothing that is impossible with God.

We are gathered to share God’s blessings with one another.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

Holy God, we come to you just now thirsting for your living water. Guide us to the streams of your wonder and glory, your justice and righteousness, your grace and mercy, that we may drink and be satisfied, renewed for our continuing journey with Jesus. May we be refreshed and restored in you. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 267 “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” ROYAL OAK

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Beloved God, you have blessed us with life itself – and yet, we choose to walk away from you again and again. We get engrossed in the small details and the broad strokes, and lose track of you as the artist. We say we want to be your disciple, but we chase after our own pursuits and ignore your call to act in love in the world. Forgive us. Help us to turn our hearts back to you and to give our whole self to you.

(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 ReadingHebrews 13:1-8, 15-16NT Page 227

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Send Out the Singers”*Stan Pethel

Second Scripture Reading..... Jeremiah 2:4-13.....OT Page 699

SermonCracked PotsRev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn..... *“Ho, All Who Thirst”* JACOB’S WELL

Refrain



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and



all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and



from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!



- 1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,
- 2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us
- 3 All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.



to Refrain

choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?
to the well - springs of the wa - ter of life.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

- * 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 “*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 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. 356 “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” NETTLETON
- * Charge & Benediction
- Postlude “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” Al Travis

*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.)

Congregational Meeting: The session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 7, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing new church officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Patricia and Paul Mills in honor of 3 generations of wedding anniversaries on September 1st. Paul and Patricia, Ed and Jean Mills and Jacob and Julie Mills.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

The Spa City Youth will start a new year on Sunday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. Reconnect with your friends and be ready to fill your bellies AND some buckets!

Join us for Family Night Supper's "Tailgate Party" on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will furnish pulled pork (prepared by Pat Edwards) and buns. Members are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Don't forget to wear your favorite team's colors, clothing and/or accessories. Traci Berry from Northwoods Trail will talk to us about everything going on with the bicycle trails all around us.

Beginning Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School returns to FPC. Using the book Parables from the Back Side, the class will look at the parables of Jesus from a slightly different perspective. The material promises to be thought-provoking and provide for spirited discussion! Copies of the book are available at the church for those who want to read ahead (though reading ahead is not required).

It's time for all ladies at First Presbyterian to support women worldwide by donating to the Birthday offering, Thank offering, and the Annual fund. You will also be supporting statewide benevolences with Vera Lloyd Children's Home Christmas gifts along with our own women's mission projects ("Sew What's" fidget mats, Homeless Kind kits, etc.). By continuing to pledge \$50.00 or more, we will bring smiles to children and women near and far. You can contribute by check, cash or online giving. Checks should be made out to "Presbyterian Women" and all cash/online giving designated to Presbyterian Women. Contributions should be given to Sally Pierce, treasurer, or you may leave your contribution with the church office to be given to Sally.

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>September 1</u> Lesa Henning Elaine Muzny David Thayer <u>September 3</u> Helen Bumpas <u>September 4</u> James Black Donna Brooks <u>September 5</u> Steve DeMott <u>September 6</u> Al Carney	<u>September 7</u> Kricket Lines-Robinson Kelly Simpson <u>September 12</u> Susan Cooper <u>September 16</u> Patrick Simmons <u>September 18</u> Jamie Randall <u>September 19</u> Miriam Murthy	<u>September 23</u> Bruce Simpson <u>September 24</u> Rachel Garner <u>September 25</u> Sumner Bishop Shane Hardin Robert Spindler Kathy White <u>September 27</u> Edward King
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>September 1</u> Julie and Jacob Mills Patricia and Paul Mills



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 31

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

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 7 - Communion

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth at First Presbyterian Church

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.*

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

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