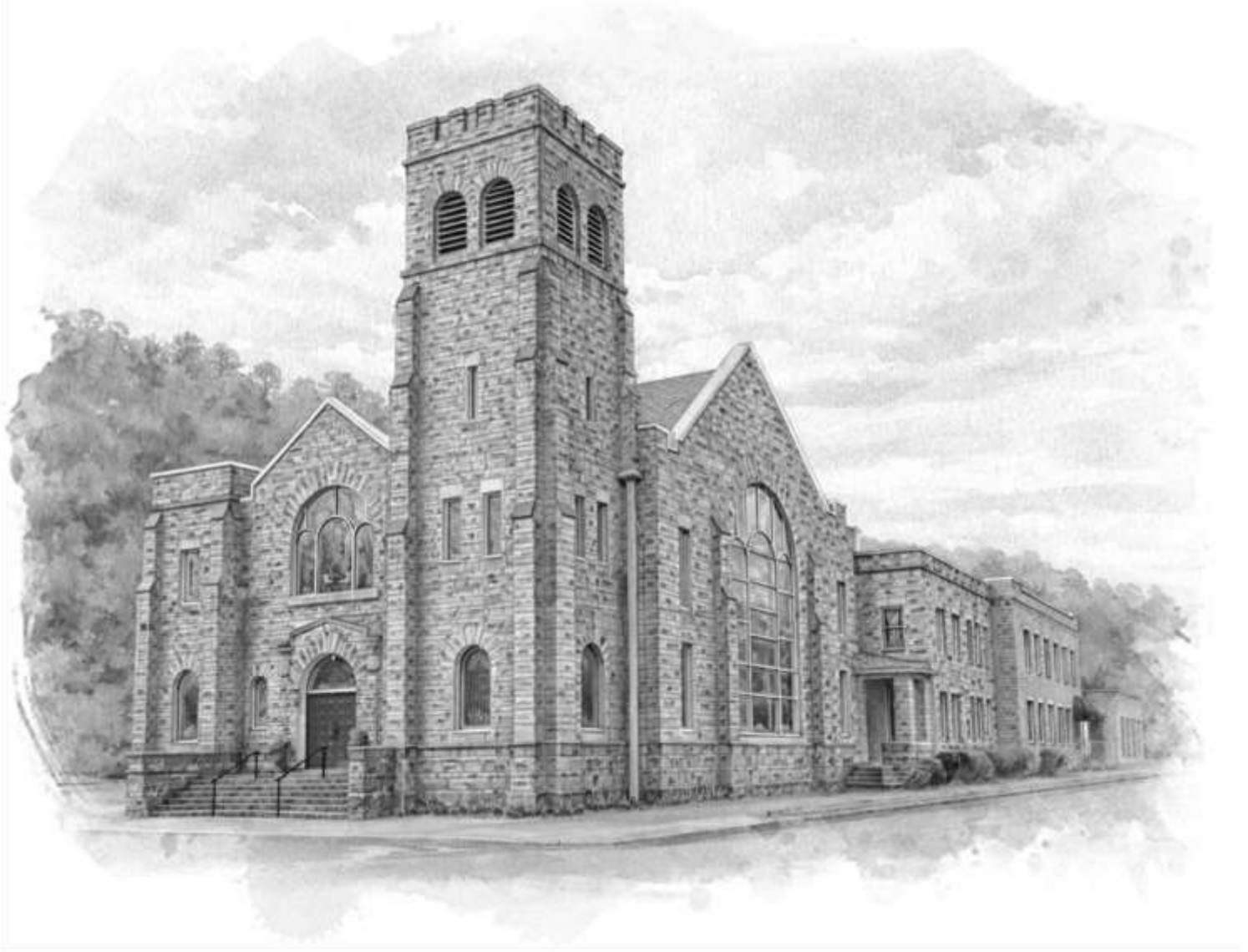


# *First Presbyterian Church*

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

1876-2026



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Ordination/Installation of New Church Officers**  
**September 13, 2026**

# Order of Worship

Prelude ..... “*Cantabile*” .....Dennis Eliot

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... “*God and God Alone*” ..... Joel Raney

Call to Worship .....Pat Edwards

This day is a gift from God;

**And day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.**

This time is a pause from the fever of life;

**A time to be with one another, knit into community by God.**

So let us sing, and listen, and pray, and share.

**And let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer .....Pat Edwards

God of our hearts...here we are! We’ve come with thirsty hearts, praying that your word will satisfy us. We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love. You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. **Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 285 .... “*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*” .....AUSTRIAN HYMN

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love.**

(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.....Pat Edwards

First Scripture Reading ..... Psalm 114 .....OT Page 563

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Canticle of Hope”* .....Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Reading..... Romans 14:1-12 .....NT Page 163

Sermon .....Judge Not, Lest... .....Rev. Leslie Roper

\* Hymn No. 358..... *“Help Us Accept Each Other”* ..... BARONITA

Ordination/Installation of New Officers

Statement on Ordered Ministry

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed

**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.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings .....Pat Edwards

Offertory .....*“Meditation”* ..... Paul F. Page

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with 'Al - le -', the second with 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly', and the third with 'Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

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\* Prayer of Dedication .....Pat Edwards

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. 434 .. *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* .....KINGSFOLD

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....*"A Song of Jubilant Praise"* .....David Paxton

*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 Led Davis in honor of Renee's birthday, his first born, and the rest of the family.

**Today we ordain and install new officers for our congregation.** Elder being ordained is Shannon Carroll. Elders being installed are Pat Edwards, Paul Mills and Ian Poole. Deacons being ordained are Marsha Edwards and Pam Lynch. Deacons being installed are Patricia Mills and Jamie Williams.

**Next Sunday, September 20, is "Birthday Sunday"** where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of September. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

**The PW Morning Circle** will start off the year on Tuesday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. This year's study is: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians). The Morning Circle meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. All women are welcome!

**The Next Presbyterian Women's 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Out** will be Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 p.m. We will meet at AI Sushi and Grill (1609 Albert Pike Rd., Suite J) next to Walmart in the strip center. They do not serve just sushi. They have hibachi, tempura, ramen noodle dishes, grilled chicken salad, and most importantly – fried cheesecake and green tea ice cream. We will have our own room that can accommodate up to 30 people. Please sign up if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. By signing up, this ensures enough tables and serving staff to make for an enjoyable evening.

**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

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

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| <u><b>September 1</b></u><br>Julie and Jacob Mills<br>Patricia and Paul Mills |
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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, September 13 – Ordination/Installation of New Officers**

9:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Handbells

**Monday, September 14**

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking  
5:00 p.m. Whittington Valley Neighborhood Assoc.  
6:00 p.m. Scouts Court of Honor

**Tuesday, September 15**

10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

**Wednesday, September 16**

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 Open until 2:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting at Community Resource Center  
5:30 p.m. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

**Sunday, September 20 – Birthday Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. Handbells  
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

**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](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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