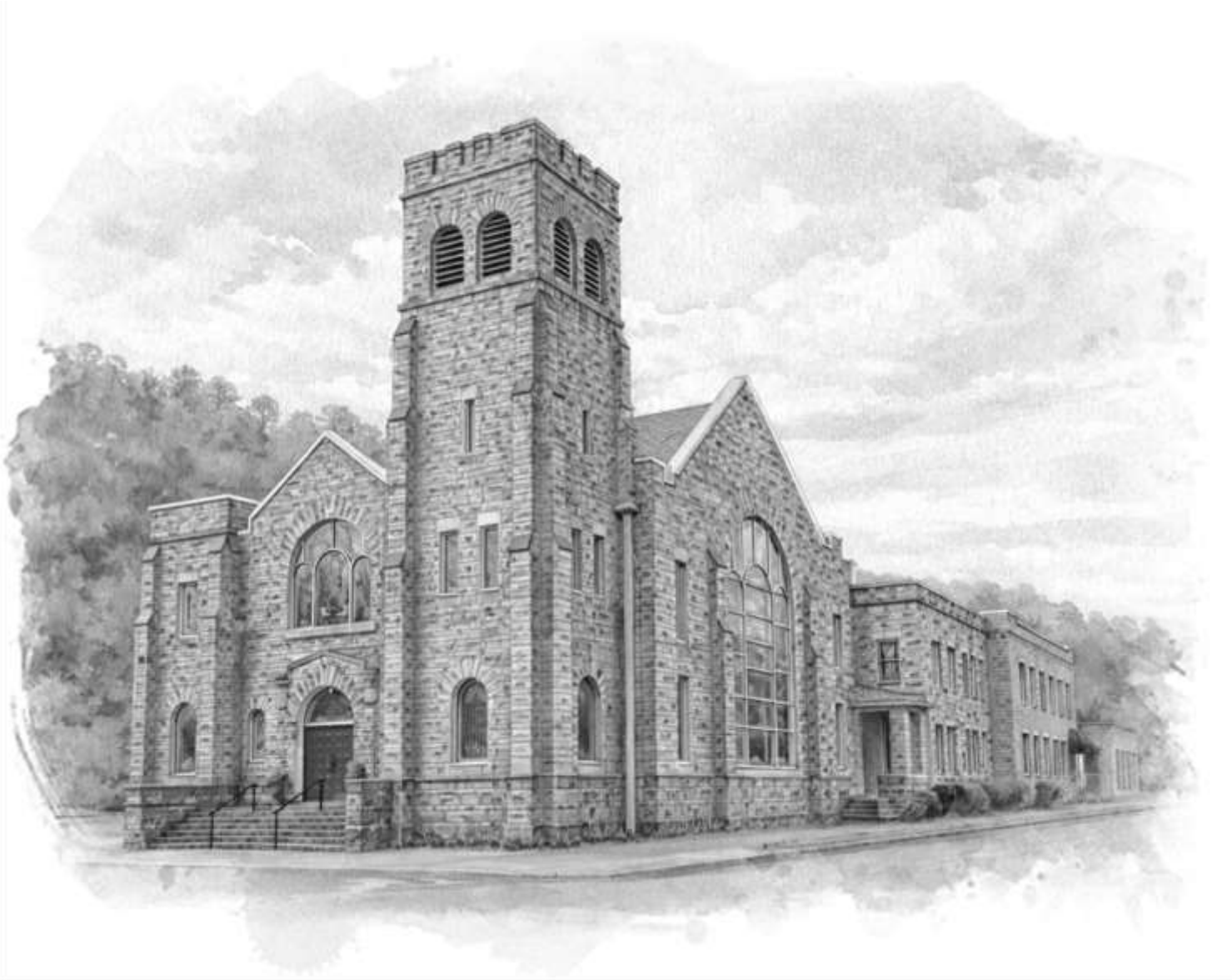
First Presbyterian Church

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

1876-2026



18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2027

Order of Worship

Prelude ..... *"Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness"* ..... Gerald Near

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *"Come and Worship"* ..... Nan Allen

Call to Worship .....Pat Edwards
Why do you come to this place?
We come to seek the path of righteousness and truth.
Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?
We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.
Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

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. 106 ..... *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"* ..... ALLELUIA NO. 1

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. Forgive us. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done.
(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 25:1-9 .....OT Page 502

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *"How Firm a Foundation"* .....Stan Pethel

Second Scripture Reading.....1 Corinthians 8:1-13 .....NT Page 171

Sermon .....The Dangers of Being Right.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 343..... *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* .....BEECHER

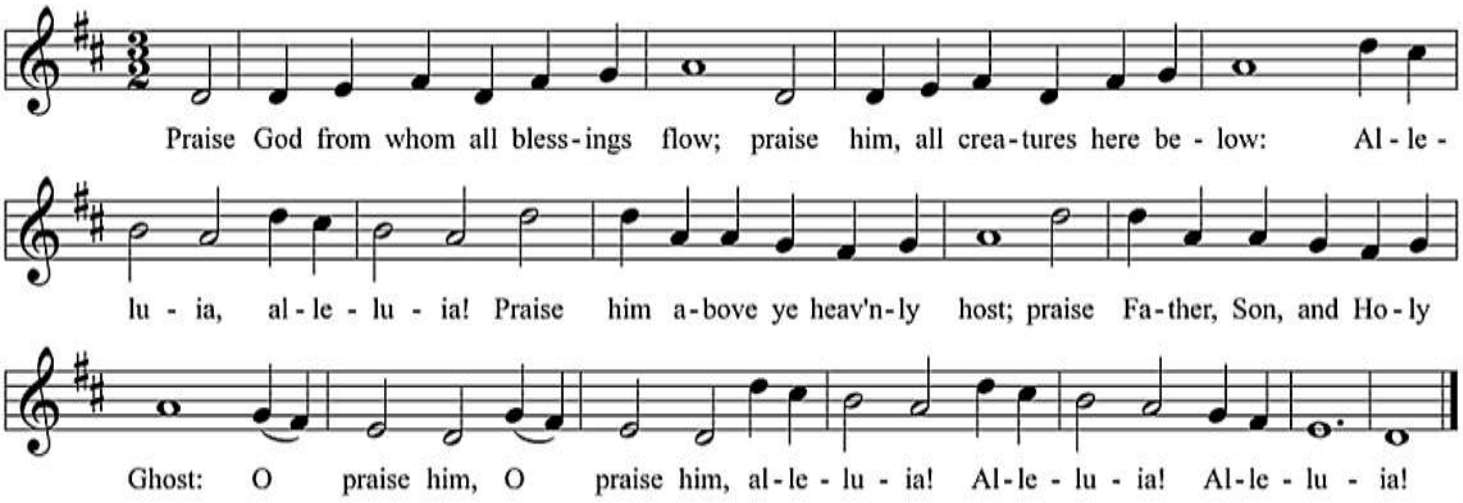
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed .....Pat Edwards

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 .....Pat Edwards

Offertory .....*"Meditation"*.....Paul F. Page

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



* 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. 426 .... *"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"* ..... CANONBURY

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... "*Prelude and Fugue in C"* .....J. S. Bach

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 Lynn and Ed King in honor of Ed's birthday.

Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center: The Mission Committee has planned a 1-day volunteer mission opportunity for Friday, October 2, at Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock. We will meet here at First Presbyterian Church Hot Springs (213 Whittington Ave.) at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return around 3:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for this volunteer mission opportunity. If you are interested in going, please let Carol Mattson know so that no one gets left behind!!

The World Communion Offering will be received Sunday, October 4: The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Fabrics Needed for World Communion Sunday. Sunday, October 4, is the Sunday that churches all over the world are intentional about celebrating communion together, so that it truly is a world-wide feast! If you have fabrics from other places that you have collected on travels and would be willing to loan them to the church for just a bit, bring them by the church office before 4:00 p.m. this Wednesday, September 30. They will be used to cover the communion table on World Communion Sunday, a visual reminder of all the places in the world that are gathered at the table with us.

Have you signed up for Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Night Out on 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.

It's time for our annual Presbyterian Women donations. The money we collect will be distributed to Vera Lloyd Children's Home, the Birthday and Thank offerings to help support many programs, and much more! Please be generous as we help women and children throughout the world and U.S. Make checks payable to PW and give to Sally Pierce, Treasurer. Blessings to 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!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Christopher Meyers **October 4** Hannah Mills **October 6** Nancy Doyle Don Leonhard Ann Schaffer **October 8** Tim Bumpas **October 12** John Ochsner	**October 14** Stacey Grise Daniel Roper **October 15** Patricia Bridges Marsha Edwards Dus Spivey **October 18** Joseph Florini Steve Hopper **October 22** Terri McKissack	**October 24** James Vinson **October 27** John Boyd Led Davis Sophie Meyers **October 28** Kathleen Bishop **October 30** Michael Helm **October 31** Logan Rice



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 Janet and Steve Van Pelt **October 2** Anna and Brian Geltner **October 4** Dianna and David Thayer **October 12** Dawn and Bill Cattaneo	**October 16** Elaine and Mike Muzny **October 23** Barbara and Jim Davis **October 31** Susan and Allen Lee Sally and Bob Pierce



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 27
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Handbells

Monday, September 28
9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep

Wednesday, September 30
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. PW 5th Wednesday Night Out at Ai Sushi & Grill

Thursday, October 1
10:30 a.m. Mission Lunch Prep at Jackson House

Friday, October 2
8:00 a.m. Ferncliff Mission Day Trip/Meet at First Presbyterian

Sunday, October 4 – World Communion Sunday
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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.*

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

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