

The Service of Worship
October 26, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Chimes

Prelude

We Gather Together
Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner

Joseph Linn

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (responsive)

In times when we might be shaken in mind or alarmed,
either by spirit or by word or by letter,

let us stand firm and hold fast to the traditions of our faith.

For this purpose God called you through the gospel,
so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Maker loved us
and through grace gives us courage and good hope.**

May God comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

we step back from the things that alarm and discourage us
to give you praise.

We take in the bigger picture, and we remember your goodness.

Meet us here today, and by your Spirit show us your grace and glory,
that we would be uplifted and encouraged today
and in the days to come.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

In the Garden

#11

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

God of mercy, you promised
never to break your covenant with us.

**Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.**

**Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

A Thousand Storms

Heather Sorenson

Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner

Reflections on God's Faithfulness

Jim & Rose Neblett

*The congregation may share reflections on God's faithfulness:
What has challenged your faith over the years,
and what has helped you hold onto faith during life's challenges?*

Leader: God keeps us in faith.

ALL: To God be the glory.

Hymn of Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Stewardship Story

Nikki Johnson

Help for Abused Partners

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Prayer Dedication (responsive)

Generous God,

you always equip us to do what you call us to do.

**Let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest time,
if we do not give up.**

So then, whenever we have an opportunity,

O Lord, let us work for the good of all.

Receive the offerings of our life and labor

to bless people with comfort and courage,
faith and love,
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Blessed Assurance

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

Lane's Theme
Marsha Davis

Bill Conti

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

Worship Notes – Sources Used in Today's Liturgy

Call to Worship: adapted from 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Benediction: adapted from Colossians 1:11-14

Prayer for Illumination: *Book of Common Worship*

Prayer of Dedication: Galatians 6:9

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Prayer Concerns October 26, 2025

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)

Presbytery of Plains & Peaks

Those with Special Needs or Concerns

Grace Ann (Connie Clark's relative)
David Balabanis Family
Joe Baran (in-law of Ted & Penny Propst)
Jackie Barton and Family
Sharon Bennett (Neblett's son-in-law's mother)
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)
Clark Bernhardt
Norm Blackburn
Brenda Boeff
Randy Brigham
Leah Burt (friend of Judy Roumph)
CEDEPCA (Protestant Ministry in Guatemala)
Cooperating Ministry
Sally Craig (friend of Jackie Reynolds)
Jeanne Crouch & Family
Deb Daughtery (sister of Ken McDowell)
Cierra Davis (friend of Becky Cranwell)
Dave & Marsha Davis
Sarah Davis
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)
Family Resource Center
Carolee Goldsmith (mother of Brandon Eaton)
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)
Mike Hawkins (Michelle Hawkins' brother)
Abby Henry & family (friend of Jackie Barton)
Highlands Camp
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)
Chris Jutz
Josh Jutz & Kaylee
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)
Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)

Delinda Korrey McDowell
Susan Kozik (former sister-in-law of Mike Tyson)
Ann Leh and Family
Aline Marquez (friend of Becky Cranwell)
Rose Neblett
Dirk Nye and Regine Bendelow (Jackie Barton's
step-father & mother)
Mari Paradise (Jim Neblett's sister)
Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)
David Prince (Tanna's brother)
Emma Rich (Granddaughter of Gary & Kay Rich)
Regina Riggle (Niece of Jackie Reynolds)
Cadie, Hailey, and Austen Rose (Jason Rose family)
Betty Scharf
Linda Schoyer (Sister of Connie Sue Clark)
John Seffens (friend of Mike Tyson)
Steven Shinn (friend of Jim Leh)
Darrell Smith and family
Montelle Smith
Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Charlie & Roseanne Thompson (friends of Nebletts)
Sharon Treacy (mother of Laura Guenzi)
Mike Tyson
Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)
Under the Umbrella
Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Don and Virginia Werner (Parents of Mike Werner)
Laurie Weskamp Wagner (Jeff's sister)
Jeff Weskamp
Jean Williamson

Prayer List Updates:

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing, and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

Announcements—October 26, 2025

We invite you to join us in our work and worship at First Presbyterian Church.

At a Glance

October 26	10:30	Worship Service & Fellowship Coffee
October 27	5:15	Thrive: Self-Care
October 28	5:00	Zumba
October 30	4:30	Zumba
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Chancel Choir
November 2	10:30	Worship Service with Communion — All Saints' Sunday
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee

Church Office hours: Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 am—Noon; and Tues/Thurs: 1:00-4:00 pm

Food Pantry Items: Throughout the month of October, we are collecting Cake Mixes and Frosting. You may bring your donations to the church and put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

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