Service for the Lord's Day
November 8, 2026
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Watts

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Jane Garrison

† CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!
Say more.
We'll never stop telling our story.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.
Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise
our faithful helper and deliverer!

† HYMN 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (v.1-4) Nicaea

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works. Our hope is in God. But we do not always keep God's commandments. Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: All who seek God will rejoice and be glad. We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Amen!

† ACT OF PRAISE 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another..

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Amos 5:18-24

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE "The Door to Joy" Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed" pg. 35

† HYMN 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (v.1-4) McKee

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Pastorale" Charles Wesley

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

† HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (v.1-3) Hymn to Joy

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now In Peace" Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE Chorale from "Sleepers Wake" Nicolai/Bach

† **Stand as you are able**

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH & CONVERSATION
Monday, November 16th at 11:30am in McNeel Hall
Senior Adult Lunch & Conversation with David Rhyne, Director of the SC Bach group that will be performing here at First Presbyterian on Saturday, December 5th at 6pm. This is an a cappella group based out of Charlotte, but they come from all over the country.

Handbell Rehearsals will begin **TOMORROW, November 9th at 5pm.** We will also rehearse on November 16th and 23rd.

Our 17th Annual Running of the Turkeys will be on Thanksgiving morning. The benefits will go to PATH, Grace & Mercy Soup Kitchen & the YSD 1 Education Foundation. Be a sponsor or just register as an individual at www.turkeyrunyorksc.com It's a Turkey Day Tradition!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB will meet **THIS TUESDAY,** November 10th at 5:30pm. We are reading "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. It is a best selling historical fiction novel that retells the biblical story of Dinah from the book of Genesis. Come join us on November 10th. All are welcome!

The Western York County Christian Ministerial Association's Annual Thanksgiving Service will be held here at First Presbyterian this year on November 22nd at 6pm. Ken Spaulding will preach and we will honor Cricket Comer with the First Thanksgiving Honorable Service Award. There will be a community meal following the service. Please plan to attend the service. Let Alice or Pastor Nick know if you can help serve.

On Wednesday, December 16th, we will have our regular FEAST meal and our Christmas Play. Alice needs volunteers to help get the stage ready & props made out of cardboard. See her for more details. It will be a little different this year!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN FUN

1. The Southern Christmas Show in the Charlotte Park Expo & Conference Center on Thursday, November 19th. We will leave the church at 9:30am. Ticket cost is $19.

2. The Movie, "Zero A.D." (The Birth of Christ) in Rock Hill on Thursday, December 10th. We will be leaving the church at 2:30pm It has been described as a drama? Thriller for ages 13 and up. Join us for these two upcoming events. Contact Alice to get your name on the list to go!

Congratulations to our newly elected church officers. Serving for the Class of 2030 are: Elders Mike Allman, Jr., Brenda Bolduc, Jon Michael Caveny, Charlie Lester, Molly Leake, and Steve Smith. The Trustee is Dr. Dave Holman.

INK CARTRIDGES NEEDED!!

Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We still recycle them & get store credit to buy paper & office supplies. This really helps save the church money!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom), Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), the Hiott Family, Kenny Bratton (Foot Surgery), Wayne McCormick, Braxton McCormick.& Bunny Whitesides

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart, Cathy Kemp & Joe/Mickey Howe

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Michael Howe and in honor of Arabella Cooper's 1st Birthday on November 17th. Arabella is the Great Granddaughter of Joe & Micky Howe & Granddaughter of Patrick & Melissa Howe Young. Given by Joe & Micky Howe.

If you would like you would like to add yourself or a loved one to the prayer list, please call the church office.

Mark your calendars, Church Family Retreat will be March 12-14, 2027.

Parents, high school & middle school students, mark your calendars now!
Montreat Youth Conference Week 3 July 11-17, 2027
Maryville Middle School Conference July 21-25, 2027

LITTLE DISCIPLES	NURSERY
8th Henley Lester	Angie Pratt
15th Lauren Klepinger	Melissa Allman
ACOLYTES	**CROSS BEARER**
8th Aubrey Walden/James Caveny	Ryleigh Walden
15th Ryleigh Walden/Elizabeth Hiott	Eliana Setzer

The church has only two cemetery plots left for sale at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The Session has authorized the Finance Committee to reduce the price of each plot to $2,000.00. If you are interested, call Ronnie Bailes or any member of the Finance Committee.

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO
Scan: the QR code above to download the ListenWIFI app
Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
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Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
Listen: Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	**11-8**	**9:30am Family Life Committee**
		10:00am Adult Sunday School
		11:00am Worship
		2:30pm Presbytery Meeting Riverview
Mon.	**11-9**	**6:00pm Ladies Bible Study**
		8:00pm AA
Tues.	**11-10**	**7:45am Youth to Southern Touch**
		5:30pm Book Club
Wed.	**11-11**	**10:00am Pastor's Bible Study**
		11:30am KFC @ 1st Presbyterian
		5:30pm Congregational Care Committee
		6:00pm Grief Share
		6:00pm Men's Meat'n
		8:00pm AA
Thur.	**11-12**	**10:00am WYCCMA meeting here @ 1st Presbyterian**
Sun.	**11-15**	**9:00am Finance Committee**
		9:00am Mission Committee
		10:00am Adult Sunday School
		11:00am Worship
		6:00pm Youth Service Project

The Foothills Presbytery has invited our Youth to their upcoming retreats:

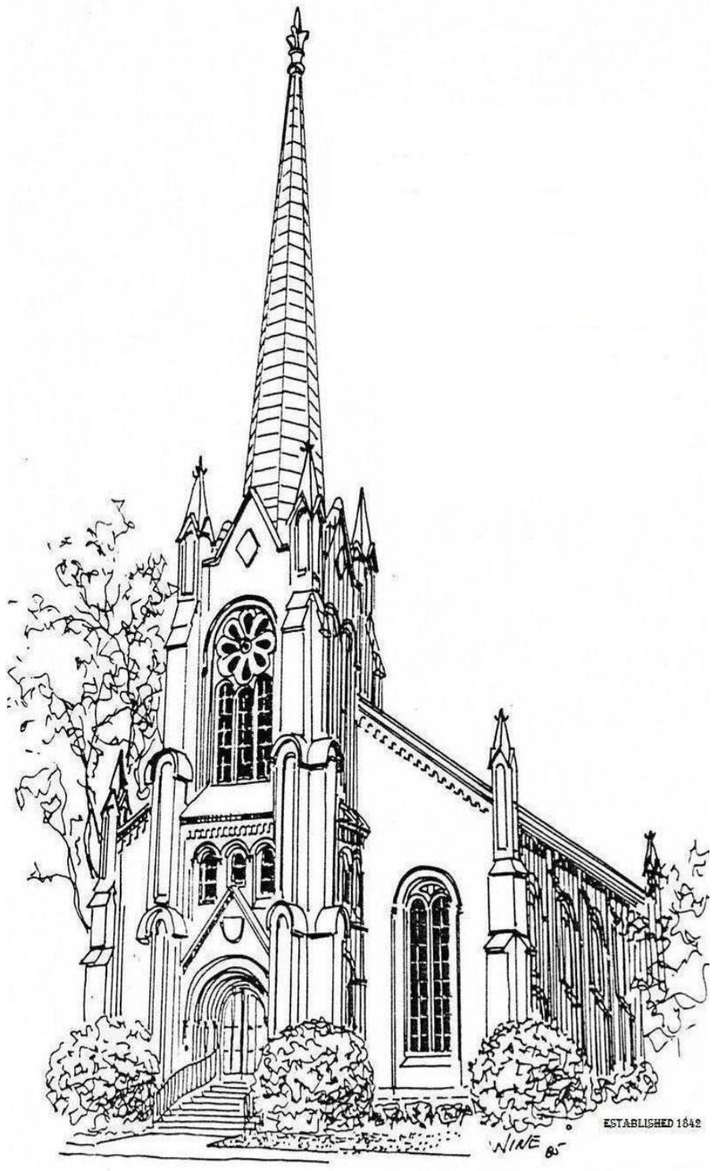
Senior High (9th-12th) January 8-10th, 2027 at the Montreat Conference Center. Cost is $225 Please register with Nick or Alice right away!

Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill…Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard……Property
Jenny Hill…..Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll….Property
Eddie Lee….Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel	Sonya Kent….Congregational Care
Melissa Allman….Family Life & Personnel	Jamie Caveny..Family Life
Lynn Leake…Worship	Jay Leake…….Property
Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance	Shawn Jarrett…IT
Debbie Lowe…Congregational Care	Jake Walden…Mission/Evangelism
David Dickson..Mission/Evangelism	Neil McWhorter…Finance
Angie Pratt….Mission/Evangelism	Tom Setzler….Congregational Care

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