Service for the Lord's Day
October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE **"**Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" Arr. Organ

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Ree Dillon

† CALL TO WORSHIP
As we gather around the Word, font, and table,
we pray for the faith of children.
We pray for trust, humility, and kindness.
We pray for wonder, imagination, and creativity.
Let the little children come to me, Jesus said,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

† HYMN 610 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v.1-5) Azmon

† CALL TO CONFESSION
Our faith may be small, but God's power is great. Our sins may loom large, but God's promise of forgiveness is sure. Trusting that God is able to do for us what we could never do for ourselves, let us make our confession.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of "us" and "them." Again and again, you call us back to the waters; again and again, we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness challenge us to tend to each other's wounds. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The grace of God is given to us in Jesus Christ. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† 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
Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 80:7-15

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22

MESSAGE "Move Closer" Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

† HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" (v.1-4) Aurelia

Dedication

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Spirit Song" Wimber

† DOXOLOGY 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† OFFERTORY PRAYER
We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

WORLD COMMUNION LITANY

In the midst of uncertain times, it is a good and right thing to remind ourselves not just of what could be but of what will be.
We worship the God who created time, and whose promises stand firm forever.
The Scriptures tell us that God's eternal Kingdom will contain "a great crowd that no one could number. They [are] from every nation, tribe, people, and language." (Revelation 7:9, CEB)
We worship the God who created every nation, tribe, people, and language out of love. And so God's promise of grace is offered to all.
Following his death and resurrection, which we remember and celebrate through the practice of communion, and in his final words to us on earth, Jesus commissioned us to "go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19, CEB)
We worship the God who calls us from the sidelines and invites us into the work of the Kingdom. One of God's blessings is the opportunity to join in the fulfilling of God's promises.
As we break the bread and drink from the cup today, remind us that we do not do so in isolation. We are part of a universal and diverse Church that crosses every line the world uses to divide us.
We worship the God who is preparing for us a great heavenly banquet where one day we will all feast together. May our faith in God's promises inspire us to build bridges in our community, our country, and across the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION *(Eat and Drink as you are served. Please listen for instructions)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (1-3)

† 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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" arr. Larson

† Stand as you are able

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley, the Executive Presbyter for Providence Presbytery to the pulpit. He is a Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship (www.horizons.net). An ordained PCUSA minister, he previously served three congregations, most recently as Senior Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, before answering a call to go from serving a church to serving the church. Steve brings more than three decades of parish leadership, guiding congregations in generosity initiative, visioning, and organizational change. He is an ICF-certified professional coach and consultant to churches and mid-councils. A graduate of Wake Forest University, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he is a singer/songwriter and musician. Steve has two adult sons and lives in Charlotte with his dog and two cats.

A special thanks to Jennifer Langford for stepping in as our musician for several Sundays in October. Thank you Jennifer!

I would like to thank Rev. Nick Setzer, the Choir and members of First Presbyterian for their many kindnesses to me during the short time I was able to serve as your musician. The reception last Sunday was above and beyond. I really can't wait to return to York (in three years). It has been my privilege being back at what I refer to as my home church, First Presbyterian, York SC. Until we meet again, may God richly bless each of you and First Presbyterian as a congregation.
Steven Branyon

CHILI COOKOFF

Presbyterian Women's Annual Chili Cookoff will be on Sunday, October 25th after church. The money raised from this event will go to the PW scholarship fund. Please sign up on sheets posted or let Barbara know if you plan to bring a pot of chili for the competition. Also bring your dollars to vote for the best tasting chili!

ALSO DIRECTORY PICTURE DAY

October 25th is church directory picture day! At the chili cookoff after church, stop by the picture table before you eat. We will take your directory picture and update your information in Realm for the directory!
Please let Liz Ann Hill (803)207-6255 know if you cannot make it that day to schedule a makeup time.

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), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Becca VanVoorhis (Molly Leake & Will McCormick's sister) fell & broke her hip, John Hiott, Jr.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Annis & Calvin Lindsay, who were married on October 6, 1940. Given by Ann Wilson.

PLEASE NOTE: If a name needs to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office as we hope to update the prayer list very soon.

Fall is upon us with Thanksgiving and Christmas season to follow. If you would like to play **Handbells** during this season, please contact Alice. Practices will begin in next several weeks.

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**
4th Jenny Hill	Angie Pratt
11th Chris Zesiger	Henley Lester
ACOLYTES	**CROSS BEARER**
4th Aubrey W./Elizabeth H.	Ryleigh Walden
11th Maggie/Sadie Hill	Eliana Setzer

On Saturday night, October 31st from 6-7pm, First Presbyterian will be distributing INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY in downtown York along with other local churches. If you are able to help that night or could contribute candy, it would certainly be welcome. All candy needs to be at the church by worship time on October 25th so the Youth can package it THAT NIGHT.

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	**10-4**	**10:00am Adult Sunday School**
		11:00am Worship/Dimes for Hunger/World Communion Sun.
Mon.	10-5	8:00pm AA
Tues.	10-6	11:00am Legacy Lunch @ Beth Shiloh
		6:00pm Circle # 1
Wed.	10-7	6:00pm Grief Share
		8:00pm AA
Thur.	10-8	6:00pm Girl Scouts
Sat.	10-10	4:00-10:30pm Youth (6th-12th grade) to Scarowinds
		(Meet @ church @ 4pm)
Sun.	**10-11**	**8:30am PWCT**
		9:00am Mission Committee
		9:00am Family Life Committee
		10:00am Adult Sunday School
		11:00am Worship

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is October 25th
You will be receiving your pledge card in the mail very soon.
Bring your pledge card to worship or mail it in, so the Session can plan for the 2027 budget. Your pledge of time & talents goes towards fulfilling the mission and vision of the church.

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

Middle School (6th-8th grade) November 6-8 at Asbury Hills Camp, Cleveland, SC
Cost is $225
Senior High (9th-12th) January 8-10th, 2027 at the Montreat Conference Center.
Cost is $225
Please register with Nick or Alice right away!

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!

Invitation to Join Our Presbyterian Women's Circle

All women are invited to join in our circle group which meets on the first Tuesday of every month in McNeel Hall. We share a light meal, a short Bible lesson, and work on projects that benefit our church and community and the church worldwide. We would love for you to join us! For more information contact, Angie Pratt at 704-813-9200 or angiepratt@comporium.net.

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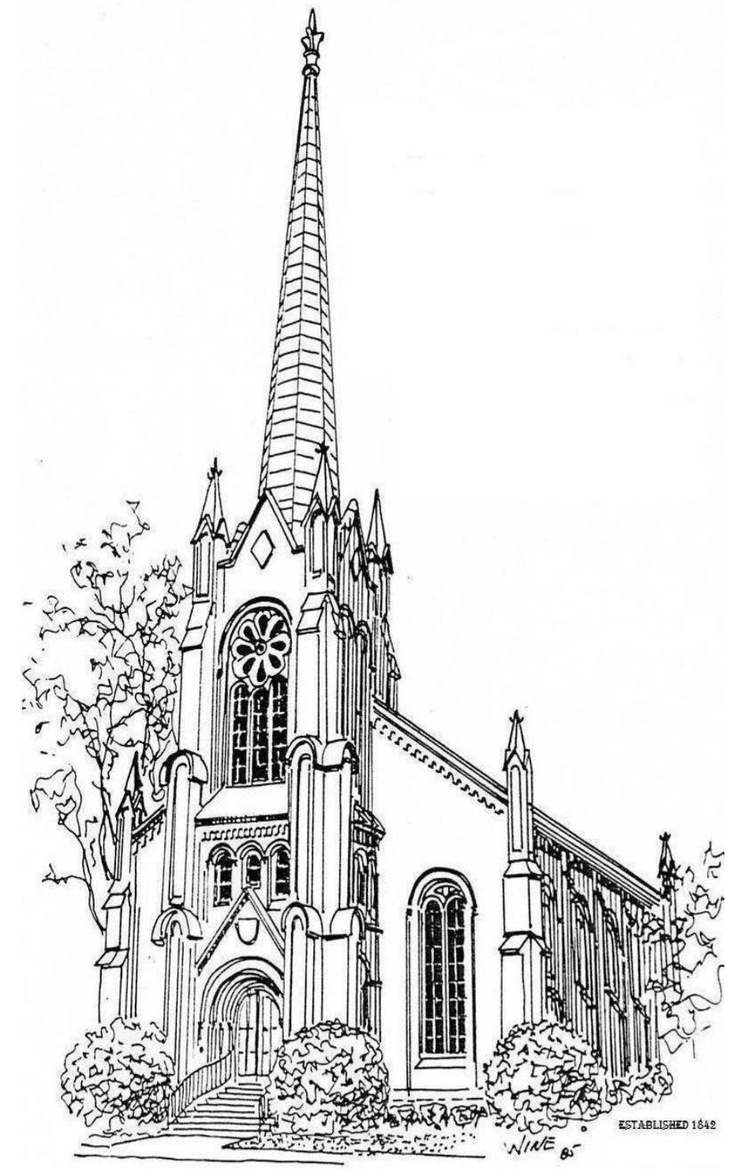

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