

Service for the Lord’s Day
September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Preparation

- CHIMING OF THE HOUR
- PRELUDE “Morning Song” Donald Lee Moore
- WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Susan Lee Ballard
- MINUTE FOR MISSIONS/WORLD COMMUNION Alice Smith
- INTROIT “New Mercies Each Returning Day” Anonymous
(New mercies each returning day, Around us hover while we pray;
New perils pass, new sins forgiven, New thoughts Of God, New hopes of Heaven)
- † CALL TO WORSHIP
Today and every day let us praise God’s name.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
Today we will think on your wondrous works.
Today we will proclaim your awesome deeds.
Let us join together to worship our God in word, prayer, and song.
- † HYMN 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” (v.1-4) Holy Manna
- † CALL TO CONFESSION
We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ. We try to stand firm in God’s spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us. In humility and faith, let us confess.
- † PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.
- † ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the Good News! The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.
We will receive this gift of forgiveness, and trust God to transform our lives!
- † 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 145:1-8
- ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” Arr. Charles F. Bryan
(Text found at Hymn 649: Stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5)
- GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16
- MESSAGE “A Fair Wage” Rev. Nick Setzer
- † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed p.35
- † HYMN 722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (v.1, 2, 5) Canonbury

Dedication

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
- PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
- OFFERTORY “Tranquility” Todd Kendall
- † DOXOLOGY 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
- † PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. **Amen.**
- † HYMN 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (v.1-2) In Babilone
- † 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 Improvisation on “In Babilone” R. Steven Branyon
- † Stand as you are able

TRIVIA: What is the most expensive item in any church?
(Answer found on Calendar for this week)

Prospective New Members Class will meet TODAY immediately following Worship. Talk to Pastor Nick if you are interested in learning more about what membership to the church looks like.

- YOUTH/PARENT KICKOFF FOR YOUTH 6TH – 12TH GRADE TONIGHT at 6PM in MCNEEL HALL
We will meet for a taco supper and plan our 2026-2027 Youth Schedule
Please try to join us and bring your calendar!
- Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley, the Executive Presbyter for Providence Presbytery will be in charge of Worship & World Communion Day on Sunday, October 4th. Please come and welcome him to our church!
- LAZY 5 RANCH SAFARI CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER 27TH
- New Ladies Bible Study
All ladies are invited to join a study beginning TOMORROW at 6:00 PM. We will use the study Joshua by Jen Wilkin. Classes will be held on Mondays at 6:00 PM. We will do ten weeks before Christmas, then take a short break and do ten more weeks in the winter and spring. The cost of the book will be about \$25. Please let Angie Pratt know by September 13th if you plan to attend (704-813-9200 or angiepratt@comporium.net). She can order your book or you can order your own on Amazon.
- 2026 Legacy of Faith Award Luncheon
Congratulations to Marsha and Arthur Black who are our Legacy of Faith Award honorees this year! The luncheon to honor the Legacy of Faith Award recipients will be on October 6th at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church (1184 N Shiloh Rd) in the Family Life Center from 11am to 1pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00. A Taco Bar with beef and chicken and all the extras, desserts, and drinks are on the menu. Please make plans to celebrate Marsha and Arthur Black as our Legacy of Faith Award honorees. Let the church office know if you plan to attend by September 29th.
- 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.
- 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 world wide. We would love for you to join us! For more information contact, Angie Pratt at 704-813-9200 or angiepratt@comporium.net.

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, Jane Ratliff, Kay Nivens (back surgery), John Hiott, Jr. & Bethany James family (passing of her father, Chip Lee)

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 memory of Bill Sandifer by his family.

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.

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

20th Jenny Hill
27th **Need Volunteer**

ACOLYTES

20th Eliana S./Kemp Hall
27th Tallon Z./Carter S.

NURSERY

Jenny Hill
Melissa Allman

CROSS BEARER

Elizabeth Hiott
James Caveny

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.

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	9-20	9:00am Finance Committee 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm New Members Class 6:00pm Youth/Parent Kickoff for Youth Activities
Mon.	9-21	10:00am Ladies Bible Study 8:00pm AA
Tues.	9-22	7:45am Youth to Southern Touch Café 4:00pm Theology
Wed.	9-23	10:00am Pastor's Bible Study 2:30pm LIFT @ TUMC 6:00pm Choir 6:00pm Grief Share 8:00pm AA
Thur.	9-24	6:00pm Girl Scouts
Sun.	9-27	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship

TRIVIA ANSWER: The organ is always the most expensive item in any church, with small organs costing several hundreds of thousands of dollars to larger organs costing several millions of dollars. (This is why First Presbyterian is considering renovating and expanding the current organ). This renovating and expanding will be less costly and will last for many more years to come.

Book club will meet September 29th in the parlor! We are reading "Whistler" by Ann Patchett. All are welcome!! Contact Liz Ann Hill (lizannhill15@gmail.com) with questions.

Did you know there are only 13 Sundays until Christmas? Many of you enjoyed "The Christmas Extravaganza" last year in Charlotte. Dancers, singers and musicians bringing us Christmas melodies. It will be Sunday evening, November 29th at 7pm. Tickets are \$45 each. It is extremely early, but we want great seats! Please contact Alice ASAP if you are interested in going. She will be ordering tickets soon.

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

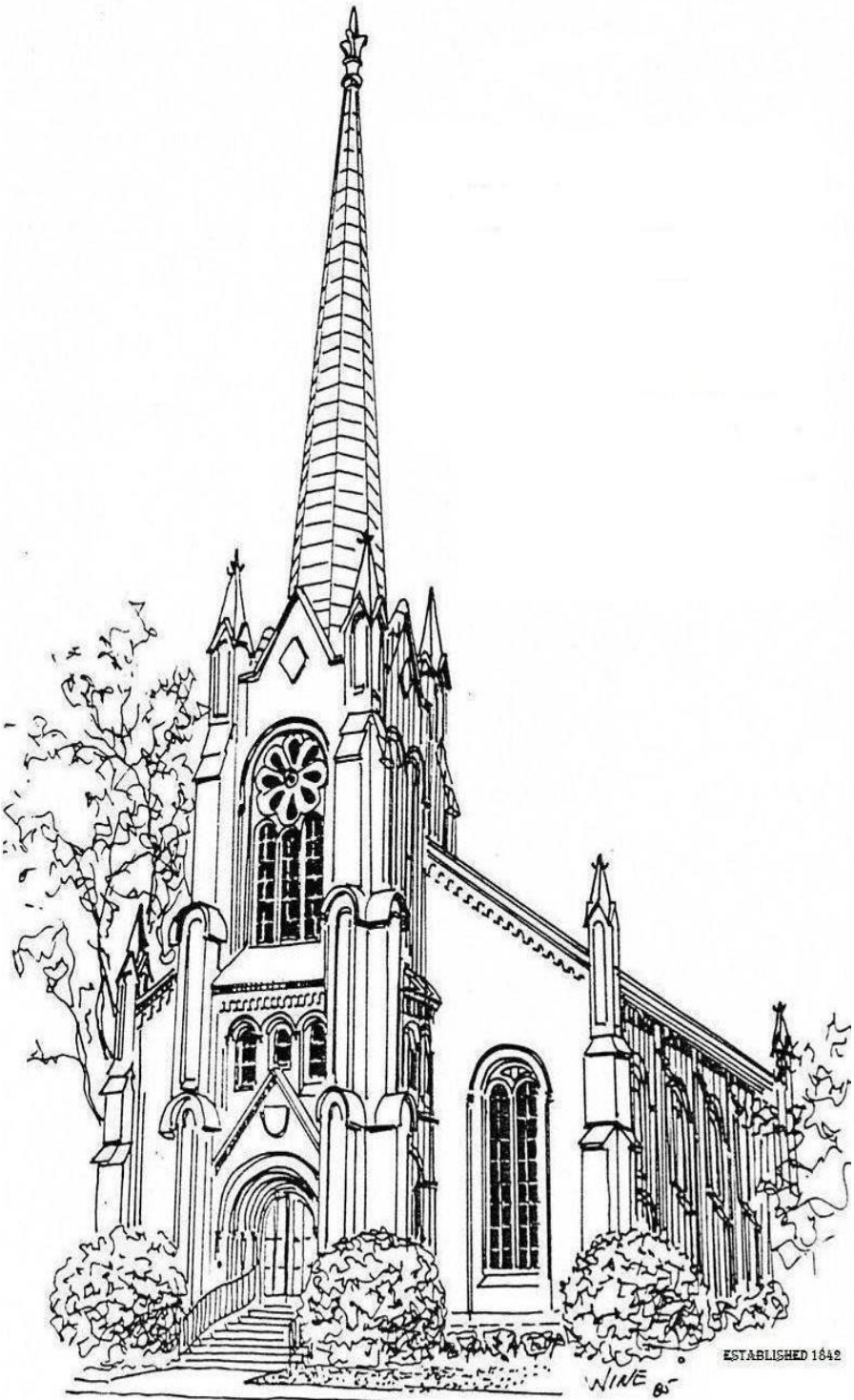
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