

What’s available Sundays@10?

Nursery for K3 and under
Children (K3 (if completely potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar
Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Flight Deck
Adult Classes:
FISH: room 205 across from kitchen
Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Wednesday Afternoons

5:15 – Children K3-5th meet on the playground, adults & youth gather in Alexander Hall for Fellowship
5:30 – dinner for all ages
6:00 – programming for all ages
SHinE for children (Bible & music) in the Root Cellar
Nursery available for participants
Youth in the Loft
Women’s Bible Study in 206
Men’s Bible Study in 205
Pastor’s Bible Study in 110
7:00 – pick up children on playground

Have you ever wondered how to answer your child’s questions about . . .
the birds & the bees?
Join us as we offer information
for parents of children and early tweens
using The Birds and Bees online course
with topics including vocabulary, reproduction, and discussion.
Sept 17
5:30 – 7:00
Friends welcome

Youth

Sunday, August 31st – **Sunday School** from 10:00 - 10:45
Wednesday, September 3rd – **WEY** with the Souters from 5:30 – 7:00.

Read. Return. Repeat.

The lobby cart displays books for you to take home and enjoy.
Then return it and repeat.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on Sunday, September 14th, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers and to approve purchasing the property between the church and the gas station.
There will be no early service on September 14th.

Sunday, August 31
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Monday, September 1
Offices closed
Tuesday, September 2
10:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg.
10:30 a.m. - Circle #1 (WC)
11:30 a.m. - Circle #8 (Betty Williams)
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible Study (BR)
Wednesday, September 3
7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:15 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)
5:30 p.m. - WEY (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (FISH/Conf Rm)
6:15 p.m. - Pastor’s Bible Study (HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 4
Friday, September 5
9:00 a.m. - Grandparents Day (AH/HR)
Saturday, September 6

If you are a young adult that has completed high school or received a GED within the last 4 years FPC’s Secret Angel Ministry is available to support you during these transitional years. A SA will pray for you and occasionally will send encouraging notes or cards. It is easy to request a SA, just access the request form via the QR code or pick up a printed version of the form in the front lobby (or contact Lynn Mack at lynnmack12@gmail.com and she will email you one).



Secret Angel volunteers are also needed. If you would like to volunteer to be a SA or have questions, reach out Lynn Mack, lynnmack12@gmail.com or cell: 864-980-6345.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Rusty and Nancy Wilson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Zuehlke.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of George McKee upon his passing on August 24, 2025. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
SEPTEMBER 3RD:**

Adult Menu: Meatball Stroganoff, pineapple casserole, glazed carrots
5:30 Dinner in AH; 6:00 Programming (\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)
Please RSVP by noon on Monday.
You can do this by using the yellow cards in the pew racks, signing up on the sheet in the lobby or contacting the office and being placed on the permanent list.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are holding a New Members Class beginning Sunday, September 7th. This class will continue on Sundays, September 14th, 21st, and 28th. All classes will start at 10:00 am in the Barksdale Room (Room 122). You will be received into membership on World Communion Sunday, October 5th. Please contact the front office if you are interested, 229-5814 or brad@firstgreenwood.com.

August 31, 2025
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitor, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Director of Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;
People: the world, and those who live in it.

Rev. Christie

Ps. 24:1

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE

“Partita in A minor; IV Bourrée Anglaise”
Rebecca Smith, flute

J. S. Bach

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Heb. 13:1-2, 8]

Jade Green

Leader: God calls us to service,
People: rather than honor.
Leader: God calls us to love the unknown,
People: rather than the familiar.
Leader: We come to this time of worship,
People: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
Leader: Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
People: Come, let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN** #2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jade Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [from Psalm 51]

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Forgive us, O God, in your steadfast love.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your own willing Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (On Screens)

“Whom Shall We Fear?”

SINE NOMINE

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory (9:00)

Tim Walters

(11:00) “Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace”
Jonathan Willcocks
Nickie Murphy, soprano

*Doxology (On Screens)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

Beth Justesen

Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Christie

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Child’s Play”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Elise Collins

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

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.

*CLOSING HYMN (On Screens)

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

*BENEDICTION (please remain for the Congregational Benediction)

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)

“See with the Eyes of God”

GREENWOOD

(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)

*POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated