

What’s available Sundays@10?

Nursery for K3 and under
Children (K3 (if completely potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar art room
Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Loft

Adult Classes:

FISH: room 205 across from kitchen
Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Kaleidoscope in January!

Adult classes will meet in Alexander Hall at 10:00 am each Sunday morning in January. Jeff Newlin will lead us in “Surprised by the Biblical Hope After Death.” Check the January Spire for more information.

Book Club

Our December Family Book club featuring Arnold Ytreeide’s *Jotham’s Journey* will meet today at noon at Panera for discussion.

Youth

Sunday, January 4th – Sunday school from 10:00 – 10:45.

Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
12:00 noon - December Book Club (Panera)

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

10:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg.

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
12:00 noon - Church Offices close

Thursday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friday, January 2

Office closed

Saturday, January 3

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Lib)

THE POINSETTIAS placed in the sanctuary are in memory of and in honor of loved ones.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Ann Woolston and her family on the passing of her husband, Tim Woolston, on December 14, 2025. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Through Advent and Christmas, from November 30 through January 4, we will not have a 9:00 service.

December 28, 2025
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.

CHURCH CLOSINGS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31st

Offices close at noon

Thursday-Friday, January 1-2

Offices closed

End of the Year Giving

Several things from the financial office:

- 1.) If you have a balance of your offering for this year, please have it in the church office by Wednesday, December 31st, by noon. If you’re mailing it, it must be postmarked by December 31st.
- 2.) If you are giving stock, please call Nan Smith in our financial office, and let her know to expect it.
- 3.) If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2026, please do so at your earliest convenience.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

We have a couple of open spots on the flower calendar for next year. Please reach out to the front office or Janice Elliott (elliott29646@gmail.com, 864-993-6979, or 864-330-1357 if you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to be held on Sunday, January 4, 2026

immediately following the conclusion of the service

for the purpose of: Electing the 2026 Nominating Committee

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Office hours: M-Th: 8:00 - 4:00 and Fri: 8:00 - 12:00

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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Elise Collins
Leader: God is our refuge and strength, Ps. 46:1
People: a very present help in trouble.

(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.)

ADORATION
CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 148] Steve Skinner
Leader: 1Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
2Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
People: 3Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
4Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Leader: 5Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
6And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
People: 7Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
8fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
Leader: 9Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
People: 11Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
12Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
Leader: 13Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
People: 14He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN** #146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

INVOCATION Andrew Goforth

CONFESSIO
CALL TO CONFESSION Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Modified from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer]
Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

RESPONSE (On Screens) Hymn #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
IN DUCI JUBILO

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS
Call to Offering
Offertory “Sing for the King” Angie Killian
Tinsley Culbertson, soloist

*Hymn (On Screens) “Come, Desire of Nations, Come!” MENDELSSOHN

*Prayer of Dedication

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

PROCLAMATION
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER
SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 2:10-18 Andrew Goforth
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Jesus: The Perfect Prophet, Priest, and King”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [The Nicene Creed]
This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, the oldest formal statement of the Christian faith.
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #110 “Love Has Come” BRING A TORCH

*BENEDICTION (please remain for the Congregational Benediction)
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)
Hymn #105, Stanza 1 “People, Look East” BESANCON

(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