

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Summer Intern Fun

8/4 – Golf & Ice Cream for 3rd-5th completers (4:30 – 8:00)
We need adult drivers to drive and participate with us
at the Range in Cold Springs!

On the Radar

8/9 – Farewell to the Interns at worship
8/9 - Parent Meeting for Children at 6:00 in Alexander Hall;
Youth & Parents at 6:30 in the Loft (upstairs youth area)
8/12 – Wednesday Night Fellowship church family night and Get-to-know-you Bingo!

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our
Lend a Helping Hand Church Family Workday yesterday!**

Updates in Progress

Have you noticed some of our spaces look like they are in transition?
They are!

- We have new flooring in the library and we are going to be adding smaller tables and chairs to that area for a more casual meeting space. The books will stay, but they are being pared down to those that we think are of prime interest – like Barclays resources, Stephen Ministry recommendations, and our Bible Study curriculum.
- The former library/LOGOS Choir room/Godly Play room is currently set up like an intimate parlor space for smaller gatherings. It is lovely but is not finished. We will house books for women in here as well as resources for Presbyterian Women. The light in this room is glorious – check it out some time.
- The basement has become our children’s area. The large gathering room has some flooding damage and is now fixed! This summer we have altered the space to accommodate centers or zones of play – these include areas for a children’s library, an art center, a kitchen space, a worship area, a workshop zone, and a quiet, tactile friendly “under-the-sea” area. We’ll have an open house soon! With these changes and the flooding of the children’s theatre came a need for storage so 2 of our rooms are still progress, but we have exciting plans!
- Juston has shifted the maintenance office back to the room that attaches to Alexander Hall. So that will no longer be overflow or staging space.

Sunday, August 2
9:00 a.m. - Sojourners SS (HR)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m.- Admin Comm. (Conf Rm)
Monday, August 3
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Tuesday, August 4
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
4:30 p.m. - Golf & Ice Cream (The Range)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (HR)
Wednesday, August 5
7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)
Thursday, August 6
4:30 p.m. - PGS
6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Friday, August 7
5:00 p.m. - Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, August 8
5:30 p.m. - Scott/Miller wedding

Key
AH-Alexander Hall
Loft-3rd Floor Youth Room
HR-Henry Reynolds Room, Room 110
BR-Barksdale Room, Room 122
Sanc-Sanctuary
YR-3rd Floor Youth Room, also called the Loft
Base-Basement, also call the Root Cellar
FISH-Adult Sunday School Class, Room 205
Conf. Rm-Conference Room, Room 206
Lib-Library, Room 121
Maps are posted throughout the campus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Cullum Anderson from the garden of Jack & Karen Jennings.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Lynn Mack and her family on the passing of her mother, Anita Greene, of Fort Mill, SC on July 26, 2026; to Kris Abell and her family on the passing of her stepfather, Ken Williams of Greenville on July 28, 2026; and to Keith Lethco and his family on the passing of his mother, Pauline “Polly” Lethco, on July 30, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner
WNF & Dinner starts back up next week (August 12th). All Wednesdays in August will be family nights. What does that mean? Meals are \$5 per person. All programming will be in Alexander Hall for everyone!

Check the August Spire for menus and programming. Be sure to sign up by Monday at noon. You can do that by contacting the front office, signing up on the sheet in the front lobby, or using the yellow cards in the pew racks.

See someone you don’t know well at church today?
Make a point to smile, wave, say hi.
Our church has so much goodness to share!

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER
we will have one worship service at 10:30 am
and Sunday School at 9:30 am.

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026
10:00 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 Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
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GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

(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

“Be Thou My Battle Shield”
Men’s Chorus

SLANE, arr. Skinner

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Isaiah 55:1-3]

Ryan Flinn

Leader: God says: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!
People: Even if you have no money but you’re hungry, come, buy and eat!
Leader: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good.
People: Incline your ear, and come to me;
Leader: hear, that your soul may live.
People: We come, hungry and thirsty to worship the living God.

*OPENING HYMN** #665

“As Morning Dawns”

WAREHAM

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

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. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*HYMN #695

“Change My Heart, O God”

CHANGE MY HEART

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
Men’s Chorus

arr. Gilbert Mead

*Doxology (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Elise Collins

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“Shhh!”

Summer Miniseries: Signs and Wonders - 1

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Rev. Christie

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Minister: It is truly right to glorify you...
...we sing a hymn to your glory:
All (# 559): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: The gifts of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS (Gluten free)

You may partake of the elements and dispose of the cups in the basket before returning to your seat. Or, you may take the bread and cup back to your seat and partake of the elements together.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Hymn #501 (and on screens) “Feed Us, Lord” FEED US
Hymn #533 (and on screens) “In the Singing” BREAD OF PEACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN #517 “Here, O Our Lord, We See You” MORECAMBE

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)
“We Are Yours” GLICK

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