

Sundays@9:30
Our new Sunday School hour kicks off September 6th!
Join one of the following:
Sojourners - Room 110, led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.
FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205, led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins, Hood Souter, Kirstin Sherrer, and others. Coffee available.
Youth – 3rd floor LOFT – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating. Goodies available.
Children (Basement Root Cellar) – K4 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.
Nursery (Room 120) – infant – K3 in near the playground door.

YOUTH
Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 in the LOFT
with some of our favorite people – Dale Culbertson, the Sanders, the Penneys, and Mrs. Elise! Goodies and coffee available!

Sunday Evening Youth at 5:30 in the LOFT
Bible Study with Mrs. Elise and Dawsey. Parent Teams to assist with snacks/dinner and small groups. Fun activities as well!

Wednesday Evening Youth at 5:30 in AH/LOFT
5:30 dinner with Mallory in AH; 6:00 – fun activities and student-led devos

GRITS
High School Youth will meet at CFA by the mall on Thursday, September 24th at 7:45 am for devotion and breakfast. Bring \$\$.

Secret Angel
For young people within 4 years after high school graduation, FPC offers a Secret Angel program. Sign your young person up today! We also need people to be Secret Angels – to write notes and send small treats throughout the year. Sign up today! Forms in the lobby.

Bible 101
Bible 101 will conclude at Westminster this Sunday at 4:00 pm..

Sunday, September 20
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells
2:00 p.m. - Officer Training (HR)
4:00 p.m. - Bible 101 (Westminster)
5:30 p.m. - Youth (Loft)
Monday, September 21
10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Tuesday, September 22
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)
Wednesday, September 23
7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Break. (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF Dinner (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (Loft)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (206/HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 24
7:45 a.m. - GRITS (CFA)
6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Noah’s Ark Fall Program (Sanc)
Friday, September 25
Saturday, September 26
8:30 a.m. - Here4AReason 5K (Gwd Uptown Market)
9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by the Richardson, Moseley, Steifle, Sligh, and Beaudrot Families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrienne & Louis Beaudrot.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Next Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 am
for the purpose of electing the Pastor
Nominating Committee.

Wednesday Night Fellowship
5:15 – fellowship on the playground
5:30 dinner for all ages
6:00 something for everyone!
• Nursery for children infant – K3
• SHinE for children K4-5th in the basement Root Cellar
• Youth for 6th - 12th in the 3rd floor Loft
• Women’s Small Group in the parlor room 203
• Men’s Bible Study in room 206
• Lectionary Bible Study in Henry Reynolds
• Fellowship in Alexander Hall

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner
SEPTEMBER 23rd:
5:30 Ham, potato salad, green beans
SHinE Menu: Pizza
Check the Spire for menus. 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.

Men’s Fellowship and Breakfast
Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:00 am
in Alexander Hall.
Menu: Country ham with red eye gravy, grits, eggs, biscuits, french toast

Pathway House Needs
Toilet Paper, paper towels, facial tissues, laundry pods (no liquids), disinfectant cleaners, all purpose cleaners, 40-gallon trash bags.
Due by September 23rd for Pathway service project on September 30th.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026
10:30 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
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Ps. 100:1–2

(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

“Sing out, My Soul”
Chancel Choir

MAGNIFICAT

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Skinner

Leader: Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives
or try to avoid it,
People: God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Leader: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers
in the life of faith,
People: God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable
or bring hardship,
People: God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Leader: Let us praise God’s name forever and ever!
People: O come, let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN** #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*HYMN #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse
Arr. Jack Shrader

*Doxology (On Screens)

DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Rev. Christie

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Cindy Leary

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145:1-8
Jonah 3:10-4:11

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“Mercy!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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)

“And Can It Be?”

SAGINA

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)

“May the Peace of God”

Getty/Townend

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