

Sundays@9:30
Our new Sunday School hour kicks off September 6th!
Join one of the following:
Sojourners - 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) – led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins, Hood Souter, Kirstin Sherrer, and others in room 205 near Alexander Hall. Coffee available.
Youth – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating a digital study. Third floor LOFT. Goodies available.
Children – K3 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.
Nursery – infant – K2 in room 119 or 120 near the playground door.

We need a couple more volunteers to help with Children’s Chapel.
During the sermon, children ages 1st – 5th grade gather in the chapel for a story and prayer requests.Let Elise know if you can help. Our children and their parents thank you!

Youth Snacks Needed
Our youth need snacks for the youth room. Please consider donating drinks, chips, bars, etc. once a month when you make a run to the store.

Our children would enjoy goldfish, fruit snacks, or breakfast items to have during Sunday School. Please consider donating an item monthly when you go shopping.

YOUTH
Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 in the LOFT
with some of our favorite people – Dale Culbertson, the Sanders, the Penneys, and Mrs. Elise! We’re using a digital series called hyfi! Goodies and coffee available!

Sunday Evening Youth at 5:30 in the LOFT
Bible Study with Mrs. Elise and Mallory. 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

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.

Chancel Bells
2 positions available in Chancel Bells. Contact steve@firstgreenwood.com

Chancel Choir
Is Choir up to your standards? Come and you audition US! Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7-8:15 starting September 2. Let Steve know and a guest folder will be waiting for you! steve@firstgreenwood.com

<u>Sunday, September 6</u> 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service 2:00 p.m. - Officer Training (HR) 5:30 p.m. - Youth (Loft) <u>Monday, September 7</u> Church offices closed 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base) <u>Tuesday, September 8</u> 10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg. 11:00 a.m. - Circle #4 (R Place) 12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH) 7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc) <u>Wednesday, September 9</u> 7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf Rm) 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 (AH/FISH/HR) 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir <u>Thursday, September 10</u> 7:45 a.m. - GRITS (CFA) 6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR) <u>Friday, September 11</u> 9:00 Grits with Grandparents (HR/AH) <u>Saturday, September 12</u> 9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR) 3:00 p.m. - Bob Willy’s service (Sanc) 5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR)	<u>Key</u> 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.
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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!

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Barratt Park and Jean Jones Park from the garden of Karen and Jack Jennings.

And now, back to your normal programming...
Wednesday Night Fellowship
5:15 – fellowship on the playground
5:30 dinner for all ages
6:00 something for everyone!

- Nursery for children infant – K2
- SHinE for children K3-5th
- Youth for 6th - 12th
- Women’s Small Group
- Men’s Bible Study
- Lectionary Bible Study
- Fellowship in Alexander Hall

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner
SEPTEMBER 9th:
5:30 Chicken and dumplings, cheesy cauliflower
SHinE Menu: Chicken nuggets
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.

Pathway House Needs
Due by Sept 23rd. Toilet Paper, paper towels, facial tissues, laundry pods (no liquids), disinfectant cleaners, all purpose cleaners, 40-gallon trash bags, personal hygiene items (full size), feminine hygiene products, socks, underwear (male and female)
For Pathway service project on 9/30

Salvation Army food items due September 13th.

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Ps. 124:8

(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

“Surely the Presence”
David Holmes, bass

Lanny Wolfe

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Romans 13:11-12; Matthew 18:20]

David Holmes

Leader: We know what time it is.
People: It is time to wake from our sleep!
Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
People: The night is far gone, the day is near!
Leader: Where two or three are gathered in Jesus’ name,
People: God is here among us.
Let us worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN** #260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your 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.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just,
and humble life to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*HYMN #252

“Day of Arising”

RAABE

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory

Tim Walters

*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 18:15-20

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“Critical Mass”

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN #439 “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” STUTTGART

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)
“See with the Eyes of God” GREENWOOD

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