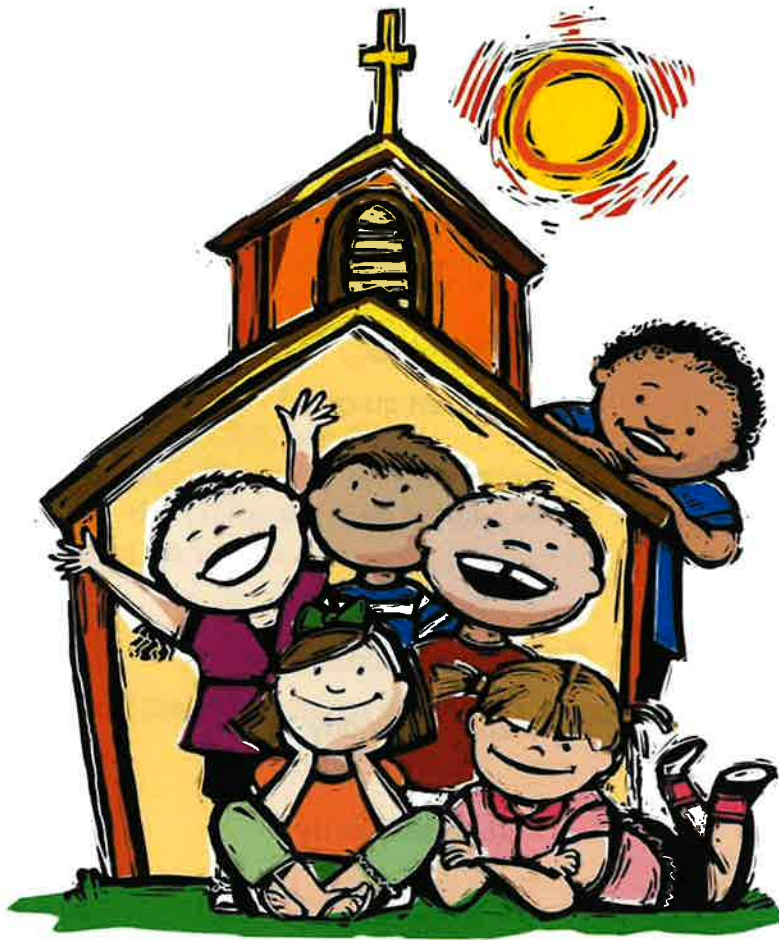




CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 18, 2026
10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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

ADORATION

* Please stand if you are able



GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

(Listen quietly.)



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Griffith

(Listen quietly.)



INTROIT

"My Heart Is Ready to Sing"
SHinE Choir

Robert Leaf

(Listen quietly.)



*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99:1-3 NIV)

Tinsley Culbertson

(Please stand and read the red print together.)

Leader: The LORD is king; let the people tremble!

All: *He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: *Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!*



*OPENING HYMN #353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

(Stand and sing the hymn together.)

One of SHinE Choir's hymns of the month

CONFESSION



CONFESSION (paraphrase of Psalm 99: 4-5, 8-9)

Rufus Dunlap

(Listen quietly as the leader says the prayer and then read the red print together.)

Leader: Mighty King, who loves compassion,
All: you make things balanced;
you rule in fairness and rightness.
LORD our God, you are amazing!
We worship you in awe.
Holy are you!
O LORD our God, you answer us;
you are a forgiving God to us,
but an avenger of wrongdoings.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Praise the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy. Amen. Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSE #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HALLE HALLE

(Sing the chorus two times together.)



OFFERING

Tinsley Culbertson

Call to Offering

(Listen quietly.)



Offertory Anthem

"Shine for Jesus Everyday"

Bethnimiah A. Sallevah

Tinsley Culbertson

(Listen quietly.)



Doxology (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

(Sing the hymn together.)



Prayer of Dedication

(Listen quietly.)



TIME WITH CHILDREN

Phyllis Collins

(Listen quietly.)

Children may choose to exit at this time:

K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children's Chapel

PROCLAMATION



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Brad Christie

(Listen quietly. Can you find the scriptures in your Bible and follow along?)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



SERMON

"Show Me the Money!"

(Listen quietly as the minister speaks.)



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Listen quietly and then read the red print together.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River" PEACE LIKE A RIVER

One of the children's favorite hymns from chapel

(Stand and sing the hymn together.)



*BENEDICTION

Rev. Christie and Braxton McCurry

(Stand, listen quietly and read the red print together.)

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.



*POSTLUDE

(Go with your parents or listen quietly.)

Thank you to all our children who were available to help lead worship today.

5th graders: Tinsley Culbertson, Rufus Dunlap, Caroline Griffith, Braxton McCurry
SHinE Choir

A special thank you to Sarah Bowen and Abi Johnson for directing the SHinE Choir.
Thank you to Steve Skinner for arranging a lovely accompaniment for Tinsley's special music.

Thank you for sharing in our Children's Sabbath worship.

Giving our children the opportunity to learn more about worship by being part of worship is priceless.

Showing them they have value as emerging leaders will build their confidence in being Christ's.

The support and encouragement of the congregation shows them the love of Christ.

What a wonderful tradition with which to bless our children and our grown-ups.

Sundays@9:30

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, Brian & Sarah Pinson, and others. Coffee available.

Youth – 3rd floor LOFT – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating a digital study.
Third floor LOFT. 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! We're doing *Unoffendable* by Brant Hanson! Goodies and coffee available!

Sunday Evening Youth at 5:30 in the LOFT

Bible Study with Mrs. Elise and Dawsey

Snacks/dinner and small groups

Fun activities as well!

Wednesday Evening Youth at 5:30 GOTE

Meet at the church at 5:30 to go Mig's for dinner, devotion, and fellowship.

Bring \$\$ for dinner.

Mark your calendars for **Fall Fest!**

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 – 7:00

Dinner provided! In the back parking lot (weather permitting). **We need donations of candy and baked goods.**

We need people to host a trunk for treaters. We need volunteers for set-up, during, and clean-up.

Contact Michelle Barksdale at mobarksdale@icloud.com.

Save the Dates:

All Saints Recognition, November 1, 2026

Veterans Recognition, November 8, 2026

Stewardship Sunday, November 15, 2026

**Would you be interested in a small group that talks about how to be friends
with someone with whom you have different opinions?**

We'll talk less about what divides us and reach instead for common ground.

This will be a 6-session opportunity. Time to be decided by those who can participate. Contact Elise Collins

Sunday, October 18

9:30 a.m. - New Members Class (Room 122)
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
 11:30 a.m. - Missions/Outreach (BR)
 11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells
 11:45 a.m. - Youth Comm. (Panera)
 5:30 p.m. - Youth (YR)
 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate (Conf Rm)

Monday, October 19

10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
 4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
 4:00 p.m. - Family Bible study (BR)
 7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
 10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
 12:00 noon - FOC (BR)
 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
 6:00 p.m. - Adults (122/203/207)
 6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
 6:00 p.m. - Youth - GOTE
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 22

7:45 a.m. - GRITS (CFA)
 6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)

Friday, October 23**Saturday, October 24**

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)
 5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)
 7:30 p.m. - Festiva (Sanc)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Tommy and Martha Ann Davis to the glory of God and in loving memory of Connie & Albert Buzhardt and John Davis.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please let your pastor know how much you love and appreciate them!

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
- 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 Barksdale Room
- Fellowship in Alexander Hall

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner

OCTOBER 21TH:

5:30 Shrimp Gumbo; SHinE Menu: Breakfast; 6:00 Programming

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.

FESTIVA presents THE RIVERTREE SINGERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT 7:30 PM

Founded in 2010, Rivertree Singers is a choral ensemble whose members are alumni of collegiate choral organizations from across the state and who share a passion for choral singing and giving back to the Greenville arts community.

Our name reflects a love for the beautiful trees and river that have been the inspiration for the city's model revitalization. What began as a small group of singers desiring an artistic outlet has grown into an internationally recognized community arts organization of disciplined singers, professionals, artists, and teachers.

Director Warren Cook is Professor Emeritus and former Director of Choral Activities at Bob Jones University, where he conducted the university's premier choral ensembles and oversaw a comprehensive, graded program of five choirs totaling nearly 300 students.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Luther Clark and his family on the passing of his sister, Rosellen Dugan of Mountain Home, ID, on October 11, 2026; and to Sandra Cobb on the passing of her brother, Jimmy Gorman, on October 12, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Congratulations to Jay and Christy Nexsen on the birth of their granddaughter, Christine Chandler Nexsen, born October 12, 2026. Parents are Julian and Chandler Nexsen of Greenville.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Have you ever had a friend who was grieving or depressed, and you wished you knew what to say or do? Has anyone ever called you to talk about a problem, and you did not know how to respond?

There are basic skills and insights that you can learn to care for hurting people. These skills are taught in Stephen Series Training. There is a new Stephen Ministry Training class starting in January. Interested?

Talk with Brad Christie or any of the Stephen Ministers for more information.

Christmas Card sale to benefit the Annual Women's Retreat

Stop by the Christmas card ordering station in the lobby any time during the month of October to place an order for one-of-a-kind Christmas cards. Order now. Delivery December 1st. \$3.00 a card.

Payment due at delivery. Entire amount helps fund the Annual Women's Retreat.