

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2017**  
Billy Griffith  
Gary Hild  
Mary Rutland

**Class of 2018**  
Betsey Adams

**Class of 2019**  
Donna Hopkins  
Susan Knowles  
Lee Matthews

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

**TRUSTEES**

Jim Yarbro

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Susan Jarmon, Treasurer

Karen Selvage, Secretary

**HOW WE ARE DOING**

Weekly Giving (10/8/2017): \$ 3,296.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 5,596.00

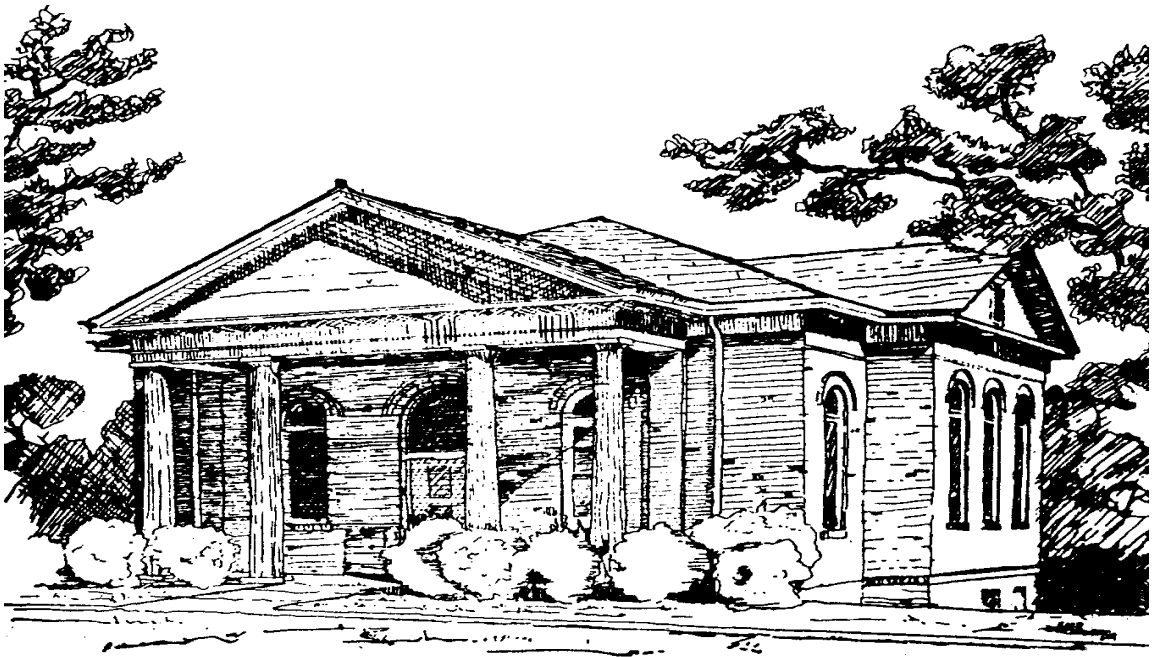
Year to Date Giving: \$ 147,812.75

Church Attendance: 37

Sunday School: 18

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Lena Aust, Sam Chandler Jr., Diane Chandler - cancer (Sam's cousin), David Casper - cancer (Lindsey Henderson's boyfriend), Ed Crabtree - cancer, Bruce Galinat (Hip Replacement), Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, David Jimerson, Gene Turner, Jim Walker



*"Our Mission is to Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and Meet Human Need"*



## *First Presbyterian Church*

*Organized 1890*

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*Pastor, Rev. Mark Knowles*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 15, 2017

10:30 A.M.

\* AT THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, PLEASE REMAIN SILENT AND TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Without Him" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "His Name Is Wonderful" Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Rejoice in the Lord! We enjoy our fellowship with God, because of our union with Christ Jesus.

**People:** **The love of God fills our hearts with joy! Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

**Pastor:** God's love motivates us to share our joy with one another in true happiness, and holiness.

**People:** **We are so thankful for all that God has done for us through Christ; and for all he continues to do for us as we live in union with his Son.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*HYMN** "Amazing Grace" No. 202

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have the joy, Lord, down in our hearts. But sometimes we keep it buried there, instead of letting it blossom in our personalities. Forgive us when we suppress the joy you have given us, only to suffer sadness. Release the joy you have put within us that we may show our praise for all your goodness to us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalms 103:12)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

# THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus Draw Me Close”

Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Pg. 1534

### SERMON

“NO EXCUSES!”

Rev. Mark Knowles

## RESPONSE

### \*HYMN

“Love Lifted Me”

No. 505

### \*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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Because He Lives”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist  
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

No. 66

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.**

**Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.**

**Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.**

**Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need”.**

### \*POSTLUDE

“Because He Lives”

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**\*Those who are able may stand**