First Presbyterian Church
November 15, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship
L: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
P: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
L: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
P: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
L: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
P: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
All: Let us worship together this day!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 139 (blue) *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Confession / Prayer of Confession
Loving God, You are generous in the many ways You have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in You. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than Your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing Your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to Your vision for the world we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

*Hymn 460 (blue) *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 2:1-11

Anthem *All Good Gifts*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Luke 15:1-24

Sermon "The Power of Story" Rev. Dee Liss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated His judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from Him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering / Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 422 (blue) *God, Whose Giving Knows No End*

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Ramona Davis; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Madeline Griffin; Greg and Bobby Hunt, brothers of Debbie Butler; Debbie Pirce, aunt of Debbie Butler; Sherry Singleton, friend of Barbara Smith; Gene Stewart, friend of Ken Bostick; Art Thompson; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins; Jackie White; Dwight Williams

Worship Assistants - Acolyte: Mila Adcock; Children's Church and Nursery: Karen Allen and Kason Jurczyk; Greeter: Clyde Smith; Head Usher: Carol Wilbun

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by Bill and Brenda Mitchell.

There will be a congregational meeting on November 22nd during morning worship for the purpose of electing one Deacon and installing new officers.

Make plans to join us for Friendsday Wednesday this week at 6:00pm. The Thanksgiving themed menu is chicken casserole with a variety of side dishes, desserts, and beverages. Let us know you can make it by dropping a completed reservation slip in the collection plate.

Love and sympathy to Art Thompson who lost his wife, Margaret last week and also to Cameron Page who recently lost his grandmother, Eleanor. Please remember these families in prayer.

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