First Presbyterian Church
November 22, 2026
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Prelude

*Call to Worship Psalm 100
L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
P: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
L: Know this! The Lord is God!
P: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
L: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
P: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
L: For the Lord is good;
P: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
All: Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 234 (red) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Call to Confession / Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, You are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in Your hands. Yet You saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that You have. We thank You for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness, and walk humbly before You. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

Ordination and Installation of Officers
L: As many of you as were baptized into Christ, have clothed yourselves with Christ.
P: There is one body and one Spirit, just as were called to the one of hope of our calling.
L: In baptism, each of these people were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.
P: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.
L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
L: Together we are the body of Christ,
P: and individually, members of it.

*Hymn 525 (blue) *Here I Am, Lord*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-13

Anthem *Majesty*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Mark 4:1-25

Meditation "Four Short Parables" Rev. Dee Liss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (From the Theological Declaration of Barmen)
As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. Therefore, we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through Him. 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 563 (red) *Count Your Blessings*

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Bobbie Covington, mother of Fay Meginnis; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Madeline Griffin; Debbie Price, aunt of Debbie Butler; 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: Pam Satterfield and Kason Jurczyk; Greeter: Clyde Smith; Head Usher: Carol Wilbun

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

White bags are available in the Narthex (Christmas meals for families at Cordova School) and our Angel Tree will go up next Sunday (senior electric bills). These gifts are due December 13th.

Place a red reservation slip in the collection plate if you can join us for Hanging of the Greens dinner.

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