

11:00 am Worship

July 5, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492) "This Is The Day"
Greeting/Announcements: Robin Hall
Prelude: (Sheldon, Curry) "Down to the River to Pray"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² **Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—**

³ they do no wrong but follow his ways.

⁴ **You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

⁶ **Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.**

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸ **I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**

*Hymn: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" Hymn# 728

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 12, 17

**"¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my
transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is
always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and
done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge... ¹² Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me... ¹⁷ My
sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise". In the name of our risen Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
First Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-12 Pew Bible #923

Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer "O How He Loves You and Me" Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Hymn #731

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: "What A Beautiful Day For The Lord to Come Again" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Pew Bible #1096

Sermon: "Jesus Delivers Me" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle's Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn: "America the Beautiful" Hymn #727

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude: (Rankin/Tomer) "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan
Prayers continue: Dabney Gilliam
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Flowers – Happy heavenly birthday to my father William S. Adams, Sr. - Sallie Adams

Ushers – Serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door. Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Thank You! – We are grateful for Teresa McCollum helping with the music while Jim Luedtke is out.

Good Samaritan July collection: Canned meats (PB, tuna, chicken Vienna Sausages, sardines. Etc.)

Operation Christmas Child –July collection: Clothing items: T-shirts, socks, gloves, hats, etc.

Office Hours – The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 9 for a vacation day. Opening again for normal business on Monday, July 13th.

Communion – Next communion date: Sunday, August 2

Diaconate – Next meeting will be Sunday, August 2, 2026

Session – Next meeting will be Sunday, August 16, 2026

Dr. Robert Wayne Adams Funeral – Scheduled for Saturday, August 8th. Here at First Presbyterian Church. More details to follow.

Leadership Retreat Feedback –

- 1st week question: "What idea, recommendation, or suggestion would you share that will help us grow God's presence?"
- 2nd week question: "What one thing do you feel would have the greatest, positive impact on our church?"
- 3rd week question: What type of outreach initiative would you like to see?



**First Presbyterian Church
800 North Main Street
South Boston, Virginia**



Calendar

Sunday, July 5 9:45 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, July 8 5:30 pm - Choir
6:00 pm – NA

Thursday, July 9 Office Closed - Vacation

Friday, July 10 Office Closed
12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session

Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
Don Cherry – Clerk of Session



ROMANS 7:25, NRSV

Class of 2026

Bob Hughes
Les Powell

Class of 2027

Don Cherry
Joni Owens
Colter Wickemeyer

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Mike Freshour

Diaconate

Sterling Roberts – Chair

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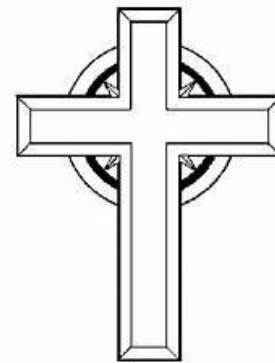
Sandi Hughes
Kim Wickemeyer
Joanna Hughes

Class of 2027

Sallie Adams
Melissa Fraser
Terri Smith

Class of 2028

Carol Foster
Robin Hall
Sterling Byrd-Roberts



Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*

Values

*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery will be provided at this time.

Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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