

11:00 am WorshipAugust 16, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492)“Spirit of the Living God”

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:Mike Rand

Prelude: (Hymn #72)“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

⁴¹ May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,
your salvation, according to your promise;

⁴² **then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.**

⁴³ Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.

⁴⁴ **I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.**

⁴⁵ I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.

⁴⁶ **I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,**

⁴⁷ for I delight in your commands because I love them.

⁴⁸ **I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.**

*Hymn:“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”Hymn# 68

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God and Heavenly Father, God of Hope and Promise,
we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that
our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to
comprehend Your will and Your ways. Pardon us when we lose
faith in you. Guide us back to the path you have laid out for us,
and give us the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and
Rahab. Father, you are the author and perfecter of salvation,
and we will follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9-10

God’s grace is given freely. God’s love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

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

*The Gloria PatriHymnal # 734

Walks with JesusRev. John McCarthy

First Scripture:Isaiah 56:1, 6-8Pew Bible #719

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer“O How He Loves You and Me”Choir

The Lord's PrayerHymnal - Inside Front Cover

Hymn:“Sweet Hour of Prayer”Hymn #478

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn# 419)“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32Pew Bible #1099

Sermon:“God Is Always Faithful”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn:“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”Hymn #72

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Prayers continue: Ann Cabell Zimmermann

- 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 – Given to First Pres family with love and gratitude from Sallie Adams.

Ushers – Serving today David/Teresa McCollum at the North Door with Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week’s Announcements

5 Cents-a-Meal Collection – Today we collect for the Presbytery’s ministry. Please mark donations accordingly.

Congregational Meeting – today after worship regarding parcel purchase.

Session – today after the congregational meeting.

Good Samaritan - August collection: canned fruit/vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child – August collection: School supplies. November will be here before we know it. In September and October, we will have a big push to get all the items needed to fill our goal of 60 boxes. Thank you to all who sent in items.

Prayer Meeting – Each Tuesday beginning September 8th, 6:30 pm; Group will study “The Prayer Practice” on RightNow Media.

Rally Day – Sunday, September 13th. Start the day with breakfast here at First Pres at 9:45- provided by the Deacons. (No Sunday School)

Discovering Faith – Sunday Evening Service. Coming Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. What do you want to study? Stay tuned for more information.

First Presbyterian Church
800 North Main Street
South Boston, Virginia



Calendar

Sunday, August 16	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, August 19	5:30 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, August 21	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



Class of 2026

Bob Hughes
Les Powell

Class of 2027

Don Cherry
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Colter Wickemeyer

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Sterling Roberts – Chair

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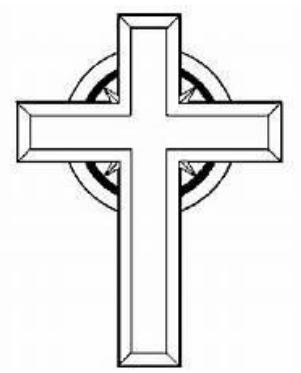
Sandi Hughes
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Our Missionaries

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

Trustees

(2026)
David McCollum

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Mike Rand

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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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