

11:00 am WorshipAugust 30, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:Bob Hughes

Prelude: (arr: Tedd Smith)“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 119:57-64

57 You are my portion, LORD;

I have promised to obey your words.

58 I have sought your face with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

60 I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

61 Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

I will not forget your law.

62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

63 I am a friend to all who fear you,

to all who follow your precepts.

64 The earth is filled with your love, LORD;

teach me your decrees.

*Hymn:“Majesty”Hymn# 43

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we surrender all to You. You know our fears and doubts. You know our struggles and missteps. Gracious Father, as we humbly fall on our faces before You and confess our sins, please wrap Your children in Your loving arms and remind us of the forgiveness and reconciliation in our Savior Jesus. Please lift us and empower us through the Holy Spirit, so we may walk the paths You put before us. I surrender all. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:10

10 Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

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

*The Gloria PatriHymnal # 734

Walks with JesusRev. John McCarthy

First Scripture:Jeremiah 15:15-21Pew Bible #749

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:“They’ll Know We Are Christians”Hymn #595

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Kirby/Schrader)“Holy Spirit Live in Me”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Romans 12:9-21Pew Bible #1101

Sermon:“Love in Action”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn:“Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”Hymn #17

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia

Prayers continue: Patricia Burton

- 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.

Ushers – Serving today Joanna Hughes at the North Door with Sterling Byrd-Roberts at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week’s Announcements

Jesus Squad – Today after worship, there will be a meeting for all interested in helping the children with their Sunday School this 26/27 year. Lunch will be provided. Come all and watch the children grow closer to Jesus. Text Jennifer McCarthy for any questions at 304.710.9098.

Good Samaritan - August collection: canned fruit/vegetables.

Next Steps – All invited! Watch for meeting times. Make your voice heard with your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts to help the church grow into the future.

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)

Big Questions/Honest Conversations – Sunday Evening Service.

When: Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 pm.

What to expect: Worship, Study, and Conversations.

What part do I play? Invite a friend(s) to come who are seeking purpose and more information about God.

Operation Christmas Child – The big push and campaign to pack boxes in November, will be here before we know it. To prepare there will be a special opportunity to listen to a recipient and get a different perspective on how these boxes bless the lives of those receiving. There will be two (2) opportunities to gather to hear this speaker, one meeting will be held at a church (possibly First Pres, but unsure), the second will be at a school. The dates for these two events will be October 15 and 16, however, we are unsure of exact details of place and time. Mark your calendars and watch for more information. Dates to keep in mind:

September 19 – Project Leader Workshop

October 15 & 16 – Previous recipient speaking

November 15 – Packing Day

November 16-23 – Collection Week

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<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, August 30	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, September 2	5:30 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, September 4	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

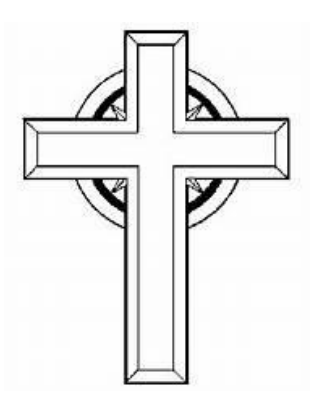
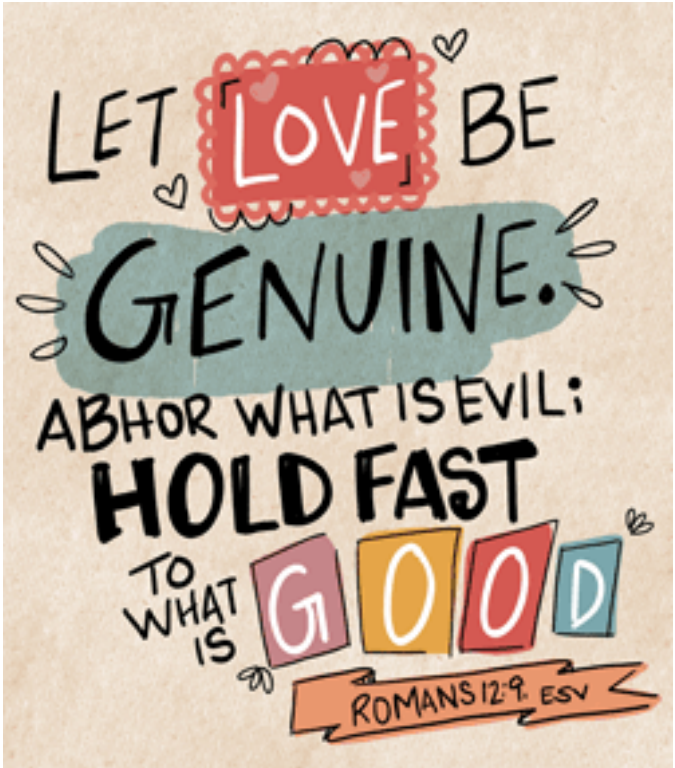
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"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

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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