

11:00 am WorshipSeptember 27, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:Mike Freshour

Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 142:1-2, 7

¹I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

²**I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.**

⁵I cry to you, Lord;

I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

⁷Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

*Hymn:“Search Me, O God”Hymn#385

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father in heaven, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You Call us to follow, but we try to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us and convict us unto repentance. Lord, we know you are faithful to forgive and restore. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and grow us in spiritual maturity within the Body of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1, 8:1

The proof God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

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

*The Gloria PatriHymnal # 734

Walks with JesusRev. John McCarthy

First Scripture:Psalm 78:1-4Pew Bible #572

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:“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”Hymn #473

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #505) “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Exodus 17:1-7Pew Bible #71

Sermon:“Have You Quarreled with God?”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn:“Be Thou My Vision”Hymn #502

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, TeachBeyond, France

Prayers continue: Jean Long

- 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.*

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

This Week’s Announcements

Good Samaritan - September collection: After school snacks. October collection: Cereals, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mashed Potatoes

Prayer Meeting – Each Tuesday at 6:30 pm; Group will study “The Prayer Practice” on RightNow Media.

Women’s Bible Study – Wednesday’s at 10:30 am.

Communion – World Communion Sunday, we will also observe the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, October 4.

Diaconate – Next meeting will be Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 am.

Big Questions/Honest Conversations – Sunday Evening Service.

When: Tonight (every Sunday evening) 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 them. We are excited to announce First Pres will host the guest speaker on October 16 at 6:30 pm. Other dates to keep in mind:

October 16 at 6:30 pm - Recipient speaking here at First Pres!

November 15 – Packing Day

November 16-23 – Collection Week

Shoebox Items needed:

WashclothsSudoku PuzzlesPencils

Barbie dollsPencil Sharpenersgloves

Pocket booksColoring booksHats (boys)

Hair accessoriescolored pencilsNotepads

Sidewalk ChalkKids scissorsGlue sticks

KaleidoscopesJump RopesSocks

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, September 27	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Tuesday, September 29	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, September 30	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, October 2	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

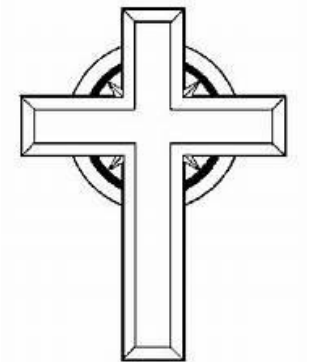
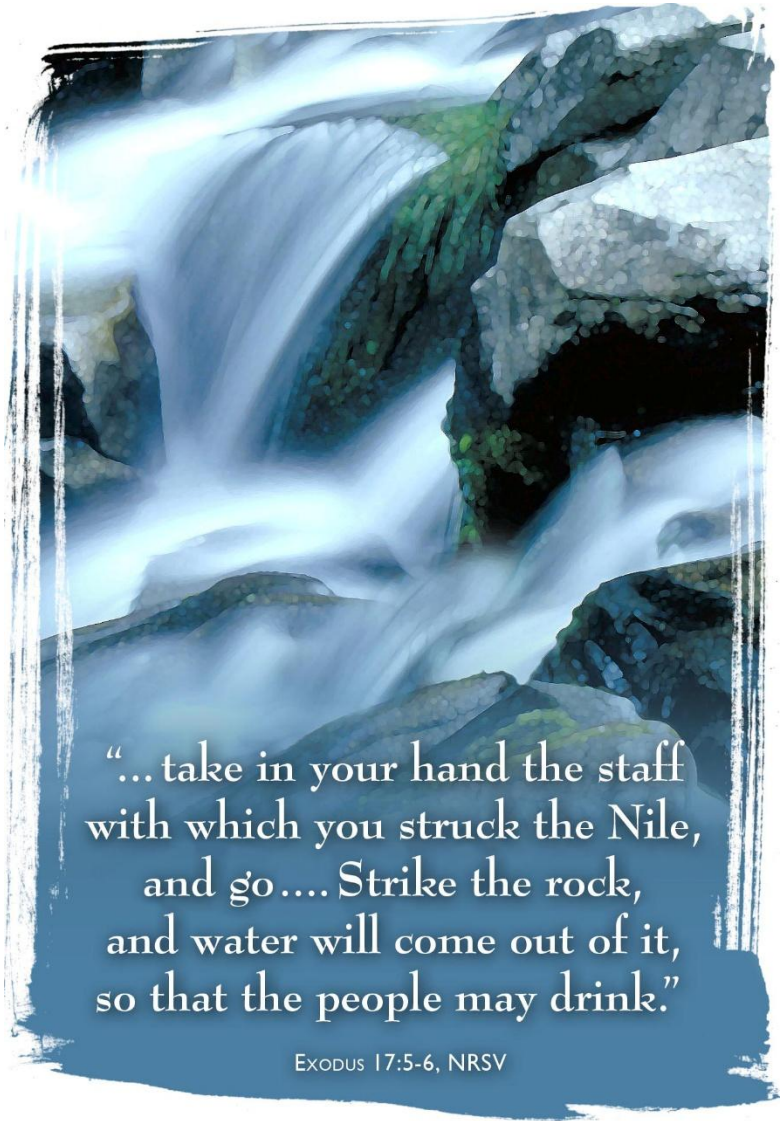
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Bob Hughes Les Powell	Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer	Mike Freshour

Diaconate
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

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Sandi Hughes Kim Wickemeyer Joanna Hughes	Sallie Adams Melissa Fraser Terri Smith	Carol Foster Robin Hall Sterling Byrd-Roberts

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Our Missionaries
 Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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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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