

11:00 am Worship

September 6, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:

Prelude: (arr: Anthony Burger)“Amazing Grace”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 119:65-72

⁶⁵ Do good to your servant according to your word, LORD.

⁶⁶ **Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.**

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

⁶⁸ **You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.**

⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart.

⁷⁰ **Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law.**

⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

⁷² **The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.**

*Hymn:“Search Me, O God”Hymn# 385

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Ps. 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

Walks with Jesus

Rev. John McCarthy

First Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Pew Bible #836

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:“I Love to Tell the Story”Hymn #560

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #554)“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14Pew Bible #1101

Sermon:“Love Fulfills the Law”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn:“As We Gather at Your Table” (vs 1-2)Hymn #695

Lord’s Supper

* Hymn:“As We Gather at Your Table” (vs 3)Hymn #695

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF

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.*

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 - Flowers are in celebration of Sam's 90th birthday. One of the most loving, generous, and cherished persons you might ever know. Sam is greatly cherished by his entire family (real and adopted) as well as respected and trusted by many friends.

Ushers – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door with Terri Smith at the South Door. Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week’s Announcements

Office Hours – Monday, September 7th office closed for Labor Day

Good Samaritan - September collection: After school snacks.

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.

Women’s Bible Study – Begins this Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 am, in the Philethea Room. Study: Book of Revelation

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 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:

September 19 – Project Leader Workshop

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

November 15 – Packing Day

November 16-23 – Collection Week

Shoebox Items needed:

Washcloths	Crossword Puzzles	Pencils
Barbie dolls	Pencil Sharpeners	gloves
Pocket books	Coloring books	Hats (boys)
Hair accessories	colored pencils	Notepads
Sidewalk Chalk	Kids scissors	Glue sticks
Kaleidoscopes	Jump Ropes	Socks

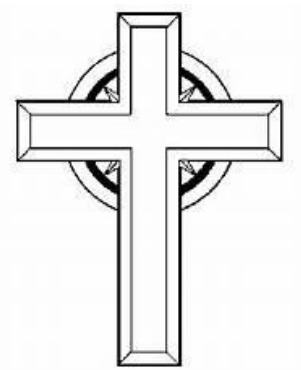
<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, September 6	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Monday, September 7	Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting begins
Wednesday, September 9	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, September 4	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 Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer	Class of 2028 Mike Freshour
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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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