

11:00 am Worship

October 18, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492)

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:

Prelude:

“Spirit of the Living God”

Don Cherry

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

Praise the Lord

*Hymn:

“Majesty”

Hymn#43

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You are the creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We follow our own will and desires, rather than Your perfect and holy path. Please Lord, guide me along the paths of righteousness for Your name sake, and give us the faith to follow wherever You lead. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

First Scripture:

Hymnal # 734

Don Cherry

Pew Bible #585

Psalm 99

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer (Hymn #493)

The Lord's Prayer

“Cares Chorus”

Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

Choir

Hymn:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymn #48

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem:

Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

Sermon:

Prayer

Exodus 33:12-23

“Presence of the Lord”

Rev. John McCarthy

Pew Bible #87

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s Creed

* Hymn:

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

Hymn #51

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF

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.*

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 in appreciation for Pastor John and family. May God bless him, his family, and our church.

Ushers – Serving today David/Teresa McCollum at the North Door with Terri Smith at the South Door. Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

5 Cents-a-Meal Collection – Today we collect for the Presbytery’s program.

Congregational Meeting – Today after worship to elect the nominating committee.

Session – Today after the congregational meeting.

Current OCC Needs: Personal, hand-written “PRINTED” notes to shoebox recipients introducing yourself. (You can use the front of old Christmas cards if you save them or note paper with a Christmas sticker for your message)

Combs for boys small brushes for girls

Barbies or money to help purchase them.

Thank you again for supporting this amazing outreach ministry that has become a wonderful tradition at First Pres during this season of thanks and giving. We are now a local collection site with Joni, Jennifer, and Pastor John leading the effort.

Candy and Sm. Water Bottles Needed! - First Pres is hosting a Halloween Outreach Event on October 31, providing candy and hot or cold drinks (depending on weather). Gathering at sidewalk near parking lot. *We need your help! Please bring bags of candy and/or cases of small water bottles to church by Sunday, October 25.*

Fellowship Time – Come one and all! We’d like to invite all to come and enjoy some fellowship time during this Halloween event. Come anytime. Bring a lawn chair, and friends.

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.

Good Samaritan - 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.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, October 18	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, October 20	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, October 21	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, October 23	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

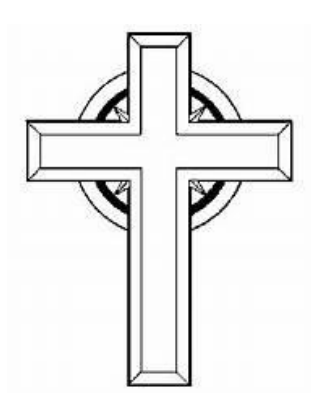
Church Staff
 Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

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
Diaconate Sterling Roberts – Chair		
Class of 2026 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

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(2026) David McCollum	(2027) Rick Harrell	(2028) Mike Rand

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees		
(2026) Terri Smith	(2027) Ann Crabtree	(2028) Teresa McCollum



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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