

11:00 am Worship

October 25, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:

Les Powell

Prelude

*Salutation and Call to Worship:
We gather here to worship our Heavenly Father.
We are here, with heart, soul and mind.
We gather here as Christ’s body.
We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.
The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.
We are here to worship and to be transformed.
Let us worship the Triune God!

*Hymn:

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Hymn#11

*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

Les Powell

First Scripture:

Psalms 90:1-6

Pew Bible #581

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer (Hymn #493)

“Cares Chorus”

Choir

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

Hymn:

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hymn #501

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn# 557)

“Pass It On”

Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pew Bible #206

Sermon:

“Are You Ready?”

Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s Creed

Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn:

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymn #559

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Prayers continue: Kit Hooper

- 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 Paige Powell at the North Door with Sue Wilkins at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week’s Announcements

Candy and Sm. Water Bottles Needed! Today is the last day to help provide candy and bottles of water for our Halloween outreach ministry. Thank you to all who helped and brought in needed items.

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. We’ll meet at the sidewalk near the parking lot. Come join us 5pm – 8pm on Saturday, October 31st

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.

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.

Communion – Next Communion will be Sunday, November 1st.

Congregational Meal – Sunday, November 8 after worship.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, October 25	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, October 27	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, October 28	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, October 30	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff
 Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
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 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session
 Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

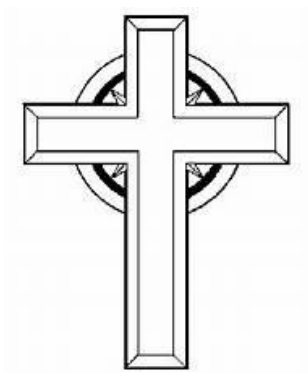
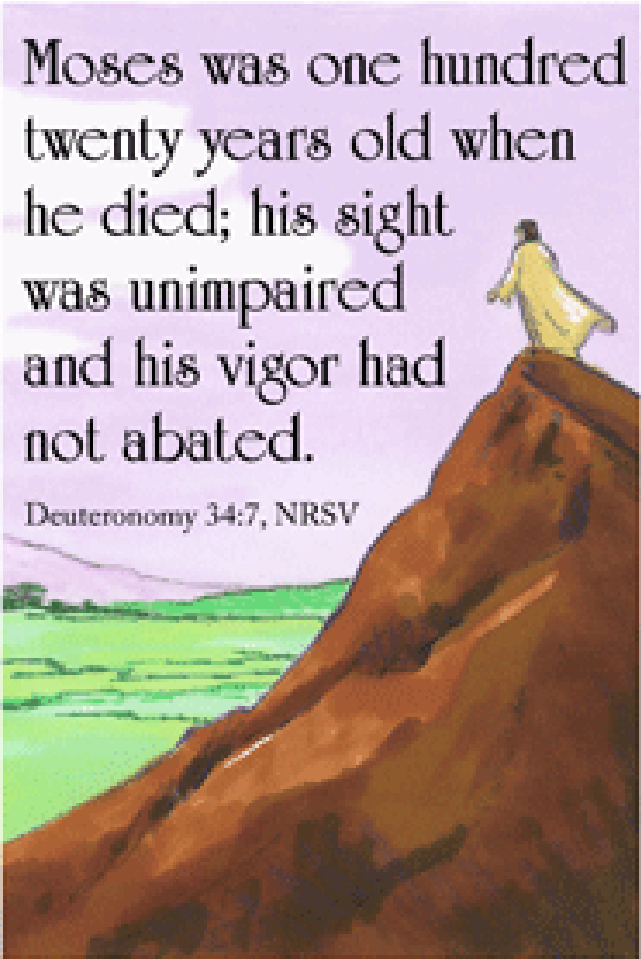
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Mission Statement
"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

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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