11:00 am Worship November 1, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492) "Spirit of the Living God"
Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:
Prelude

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 43:3-5)
O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God

*Hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" Hymn#86

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
Our Father who art in heaven, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that Your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of Your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and Your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that You created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: Eph. 2:8-10
By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.
For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Believe the promise of the Gospel
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Psalm 34:1-10 Pew Bible #544

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: "As We Gather at Your Table" Hymn #695
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Mark Patterson) "Guide Us, Lord" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 Pew Bible #1184
Sermon: "What We Are" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
* Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1-2) Hymn #699
Lord's Supper
* Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 3) Hymn #699
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators
Prayers continue: Pat Hay
- 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 loving memory of my grandmother Mrs. Duncan M Byrd, Sr. by Sterling Byrd-Roberts.

Ushers – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door with Sandi Hughes at the South Door. Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

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.

Congregational Meal – Next Sunday, November 8 after worship. We will gather for a Fall meal, with Pastor John providing chili. The Deacons will provide other side items and desserts. Come enjoy.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 15 after worship to elect Class 2029 Officers and approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Session – Next meeting will be Sunday, November 15 after the Congregational Meeting.

OCC Packing Party – right after worship on Sunday, November 15.

OCC Collection Volunteers Needed! – Collection dates will be November 16-23. We have 2-hour time slots each day for the community to bring their packed shoeboxes we need 6-8 people during each time slot. See signup sheet on bulletin board next to church office.

Table – Take a break from your busy schedule and join us for lunch – an opportunity to connect deeply with one another and with God. RSVP required so we know how many meals to prepare. RSVP to Frances Harrell – 434-575-2969. (See insert)

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 – November collection: Thanksgiving meal items.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, November 1	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, November 3	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, November 4	10:30 am – Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, November 6	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	Don Cherry	Mike Freshour
Les Powell	Joni Owens	
	Colter Wickemeyer	

Diaconate
Sterling Roberts – Chair

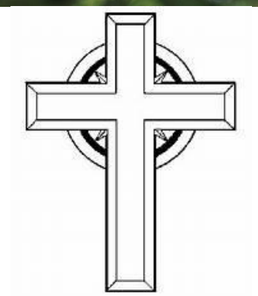
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Sandi Hughes	Sallie Adams	Carol Foster
Kim Wickemeyer	Melissa Fraser	Robin Hall
Joanna Hughes	Terri Smith	Sterling Byrd-Roberts

Trustees

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

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

(2026)	(2027)	(2028)
Terri Smith	Ann Crabtree	Teresa McCollum



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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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