

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Melick

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes. You may also give online.

*The Doxology # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

Response: Merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn #543 O Christ, Surround Me v. 1

God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response Threefold Amen Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

September 2 – 6-8:00pm, Messy Church

September 2 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice

September 3 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle begins, see Ann Murray for a Study book.

September 3 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

September 6 – 10:30am, Elementary Sunday School

Mark Your Calendars

September 9 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle begins

September 10 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

September 10 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

September 20 – 10:30am, Outdoor Service & Potluck, Ft. St. Clair

October 4 – 2:00pm, Blessing of the Animals

Anniversaries – starting in January I will be posting Anniversaries along with birthdays. Please make sure you turn your anniversary into the office at office@eatonfpc.org.

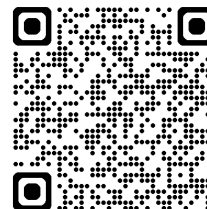
Miriam Circle – Will start on September 9, 10:00am in The Gathering Place. They will be starting a new book "Life Lessons from Matthew" by Max Lucado. If you have a book, please read the Introduction and Lesson 1. All ladies are welcome. Call Arthella, 937-456-1289 if you have any questions or need a book.

Common Good Food Bank - They need the following:

Spaghetti Sauce, Hygiene Items (deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, bar soap, etc...)

Blessing Box – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, fruit cups

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends
“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you”
~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War
Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
Diane Kasten – recovery at home
Russell DeLuca – severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother
Deb Tinstman – lymphoma, Dave Tinstman's sister, Molly Hurd's aunt

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest Dale Robertson - Greenbrier
Alice Lindley Beth Mickelson – Friends Fellowship Community

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

**For our Nation and those who serve
Church Members & Friends In The Service**

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard – Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army – Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard – Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy – Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy – Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy – Bonnie Smith's grandson
Ben Freytag, US Navy – Rainelle Tusing's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Murray

New Testament Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who is Jesus? – Being Disciples

Rev. Melick

Reflection Questions Around the Table

1. Do you wear a cross or have a cross in your home?
2. What does that cross mean to you?
3. What are the ways that Jesus has given you freedom to live as a child of God?

**First Presbyterian Church
August 30, 2026
Brunch Church**

Welcome & Announcements

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Brunch

Prelude

Call to Worship

Ann Murray

Liturgist: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

Liturgist: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Ann Murray

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Question for Reflection

What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus?
How do I practice that in my daily life? How is the cross I am asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, I do not know what crosses may arise before me, but give me courage to resist systems of injustice, strength to reject structures of oppression, and wisdom to unmask powers of evil, that I may live as a faithful disciple whose life belongs to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, if I have lived this day for worldly gain, recenter my life, set me on the path of sincere discipleship, and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

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August 30, 2026

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and
serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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