

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table. 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

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Leader: We thank you, God, for creating us for the human experience. Be with us and guide us as we live our lives and focus on the present moment.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of compassion, we need help being compassionate with ourselves. Help us to show ourselves the grace that we show others and that you show to all people.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Leader: You are a God of love. Show us how to share your love with ourselves and others, so that we may be your light in the world.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Hope – renew in us a sense of wonder for your vast creation. By your will, shape us into beings who work for the betterment of all that is around us.

All: God of Love – may our values reflect the heart of who we are, that love may shine through our words and deeds as we interact with the faithful and the seekers alike.

Leader: God of Wisdom – allow us to see in all beings a reflection of the depths of your glory. In times of sorrow and of grief, may the hope of others inspire us and carry us forward.

All: God of Understanding – know today the needs of our hearts and the needs of those around us. Let us be assured of your glorious power over all creation and may we feel the grace upon grace that pours forth from you.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we now lift our voices to you, praying:

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.

*Charge and Benediction

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

September 15 – 7:00-8:00pm, AA

September 16 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

September 17 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

September 17 – 6:30pm, Men's Group

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

September 20 – Back to School Splash Party at the Pool's. Following church & lunch at the Fort.

Mark Your Calendars

September 22 – 7:00-8:00pm, AA

September 23 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

September 24 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

September 24 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

September 27 – Sandwich Ministry

September 27 – Volunteer Sunday following church

September 29 – 7:00-8:00pm, AA

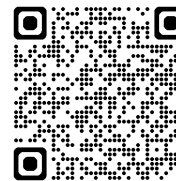
September 30 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

October 7 – 6:00pm, Messy Church at Fort St. Clair

October 11 – 2:00pm, Blessing of the Animals

October 25 – Sandwich Ministry

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.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Our God is slow to anger, quick to forgive, and abiding in steadfast love. Believe the Good News this day: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*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.

Choir Anthem *It Is No Secret*

Back Pew Boys

Children's Message *God Gives Us Emotions*

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Prayer for Illumination

Bob Beeghly

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

New Testament Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:12-17*

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Spiritual Formation for the Here and Now*

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Ritual Action - The Daily Examen

Reflection Hymn #840 *It Is Well With My Soul*

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

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I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church
September 13, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Spiritual Formation for the Here and Now

Welcome & Announcements

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Prelude

Introit *First Day in Heaven*

Back Pew Boys

Call to Worship

Bob Beeghly

Liturgist: God alone does great wonders and created our world.

All: God's love endures forever!

Liturgist: God led God's people through the wilderness and remembers us in our difficulties.

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Prayer of the Day (unison)

Loving God, we experience so many events and interactions every day of our lives that bring things up for us. We feel many emotions and often judge ourselves for what we feel. Help us to be present with you and remember that our emotions are human and given by you, and that we can be compassionate with ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Opening Hymn #804 vs. 1,2,3,5 *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Bob Beeghly

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we often do not know how to love our neighbors and ourselves as we ought to do. We do not know how to be fully present with you, with ourselves, and with others. We dismiss and suppress our own emotions and those of our neighbors. We frequently have compassion for our neighbors and lack compassion for ourselves. We forget that emotions are part of being human and that feeling our emotions can be beneficial both for our health and in our relationship with you. In your mercy, forgive us. Guide us to be present and lead us in healthy ways of working with our emotions. Help us to be more of who you call us to be every day. Amen.



Daily Examen

Becoming Aware of God's Presence

Reflect on your day. Give thanks to God with gratitude for things that happened, both large and small. List one thing that happened that you are grateful for.

What emotions did you experience during your day? How has the presence of God been part of your day?

Choose one feature of your day to pray about. Describe it below.

Look toward tomorrow. Offer God prayer about it. Name joys, fears, anxieties and other emotions that you feel about tomorrow.

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*Taylor Clabaugh, Kathy McCreary, Randy Wright, Riley Buehner, Michael Fomin

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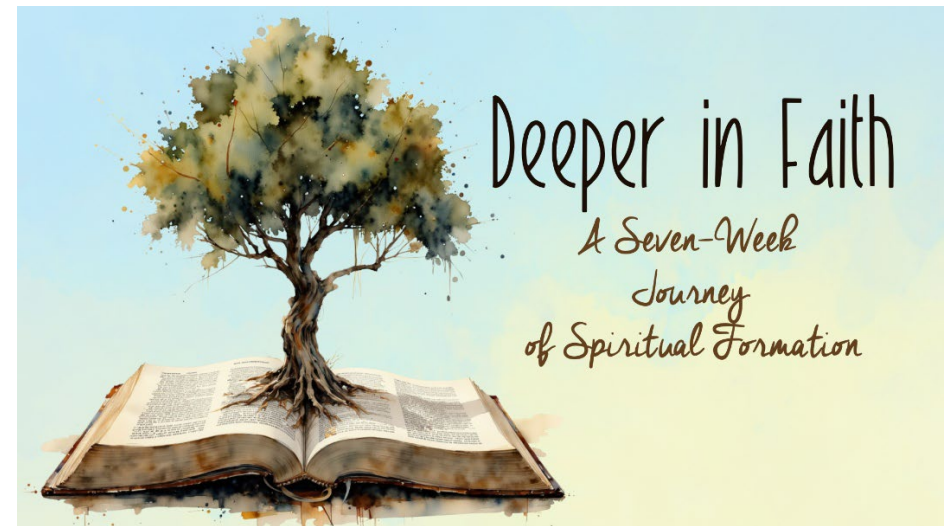
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Our Mission:

*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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