

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: Holy One, you have graciously provided a world filled with beauty, light, plants and animals, mountains, music, and people with whom to share it all.

All: You also gave us silence, and stillness, and solitude to better hear you and follow you.

Leader: Guide us on the pathways that lead us to you,

All: both deep within, and in the world around us.

Leader: Inspire us and fill us with your Spirit

All: that we might go out into the world to serve you and serve others.

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.

*Sending Hymn #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response Threefold Amen Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

September 27 – Sandwich Ministry

September 27 – Volunteer Sunday following church

September 29 – 7:00pm, AA

September 30 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

October 1 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

October 1 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

Mark Your Calendars

October 6 – 7:00pm, AA

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

October 8 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

October 8 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

October 11 – Communion

October 11 – Session Meeting

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

October 13 – 7:00pm, AA

October 15 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

October 15 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

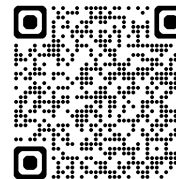
October 20 – 7:00pm, AA

October 22 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

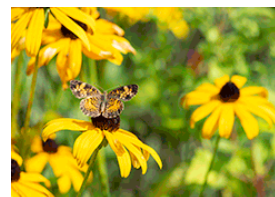
October 22 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

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!



The flowers this morning are from Kathy McGinnis, in honor of her birthday.

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

Children's Message

Where is God?

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Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture Reading Luke 6:12-13, 17

Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 46

Molly Hurd

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Where is God?

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Ritual Action - The four 'S's: silence, stillness, solitude, service

*Reflection Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*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.

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September 27, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Where is God?

Welcome & Announcements

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Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship

Molly Hurd

Liturgist: Living God, we gather today with joy and anticipation.

All: *We come seeking you both deep in our souls and beyond our borders.*

Liturgist: We come to worship and praise you.

All: *In our singing, our listening, our praying, and our giving.*

Liturgist: Grant us stillness, quiet, and open hearts.

All: *That we may be led by your Word and Spirit.*

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Holy One, lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain where we might pray, as Jesus often did, in the silence of our hearts, away from the noise of the world. Open our eyes that we might see as if for the first time. Open our ears that we might hear your voice. Inspire us to be who you have called us to be and do what you ask us to do to bring about your kingdom on earth. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Molly Hurd

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we say that we love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. But our actions and inaction speak louder than our good thoughts and good words. We have failed to spend time alone with you. Instead, we have put busyness, schedules, pleasurable distractions, and possessions before you, and often before our loved ones. We have assumed it is enough to worship and participate in the life of this community of faith and too often turned a blind eye to the communities beyond these church walls. Forgive us and help us walk more humbly and lovingly in your world. Amen.



Where is God?

Theme

Time away to be with God

Scripture

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Psalms 62

Guiding Questions

- ☐ How do you understand the difference between being alone and being lonely?
- ☐ How do you feel about silence? Stillness? Solitude?
- ☐ How do you build and/or accept trust in God?
- ☐ When did you last take time to be away with God? Where? For how long?
- ☐ If you haven't taken an extended time to be with God, where would you go if you were able? Is this a realistic location, and would it be a place where you could concentrate on/with God?

Going Deeper

Look at photos or artwork of places where you might encounter God, or have already encountered God. Draw or write out what an ideal place to be with God would be like for you. What about it make this place ideal? Where in scripture did people encounter God? Which of these settings might have been ideal and which less-than-ideal?

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

Personnel Committee: *Randy Wright, Bill Clayton, Pat Anderson

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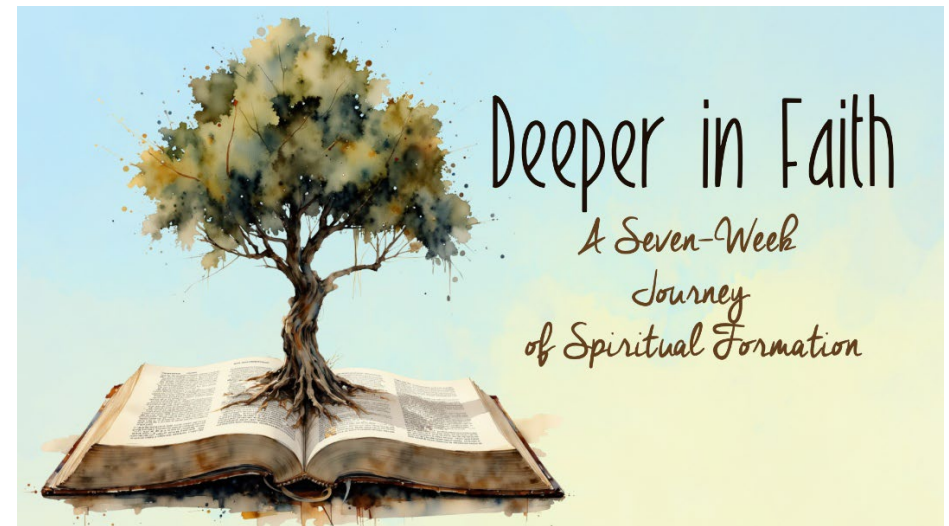
Nominating Committee: *Mary Neavin, Bill Brower
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Our Mission:

*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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