

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: Walk with us, Jesus, as we make our spiritual journey through this world.

All: Walk with us, Jesus.

Leader: Walk with all the pilgrims making perilous journeys across the face of the earth.

All: Walk with them, Jesus.

Leader: Open our hearts to welcome all those you walk alongside.

All: Open our hearts, Jesus.

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 #824** *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*

***Charge and Benediction**

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

This Week at FPC

September 6 – 10:30am, Elementary Sunday School

September 8 – 7:00-8:00pm, AA

September 9 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle

September 9 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

September 10 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

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

Mark Your Calendars

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.

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 – Volunteer Sunday following church

September 29 – 7:00-8:00pm, AA

September 30 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

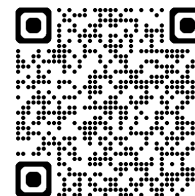
October 7 – 6:00pm, Messy Church at Fort St. Clair

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

Common Good Food Drive – Stock the Pantry. We have been asked to donate the following: Toilet Paper, Shampoo and Cereal. Please bring items to church by Sunday, September 13th. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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

A Thirsty Deer

Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination

Blake Clabaugh

Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 42:1-8

New Testament Scripture Reading Mark 10:23-31

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Spiritual Formation and Discernment

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Ritual Action - Choose a direction of faith formation you want to focus on.

Reflection Hymn #626

As the Deer

*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 6, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Spiritual Formation and Discernment*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Introit

Rev. Melick

Call to Worship

Blake Clabaugh

Liturgist: I invite you to draw near to the Holy One as we gather in this place around the communion table, a symbol by which we are reminded of Jesus' presence with us.

All: Known by God, we enter into worship, prayer, and supplication, our souls reflecting the love of God in the presence of one another.

Leader: We come to delight in the One who is there, always.

All: God sees and knows the desires of our hearts.

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Holy One, we gather with rejoicing. We boldly lay our sorrows and burdens before you. We bring our whole selves, all that is known to us in our families and community and also all that is known only in our own hearts. At your invitation we draw near to receive you into our lives and to be renewed. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Blake Clabaugh

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have learned a lot about you, Holy One. There have been lots of classes, presentations, and discussions. Many of these have tried to show us the right way to understand. We receive all these witnesses, both contemporary and ancient. Yet our own witness can sometimes feel stilted or underwhelming. We confess that we long for depth. While we reveal ourselves to you defensively, we yearn to feel the warmth of your love on our faces. Forgive us for our timidity and reluctance. Show us how to search for you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. Bring us to walk with you on your paths. Amen.



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Committees and Officers 2024

Moderator of Session: Pastor Annie Melick

Clerk of Session: Marie Hayes, clerk@eatonfpc.org

Finance and Congregational Care:

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Worship and Fellowship Committee:

*Connie Rutherford, Pat Anderson, Marie Hayes

Christian Education and Mission Committee:

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

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

Presbytery Commissioners: Kathy McCreary, Taylor Clabaugh, David Sikora,
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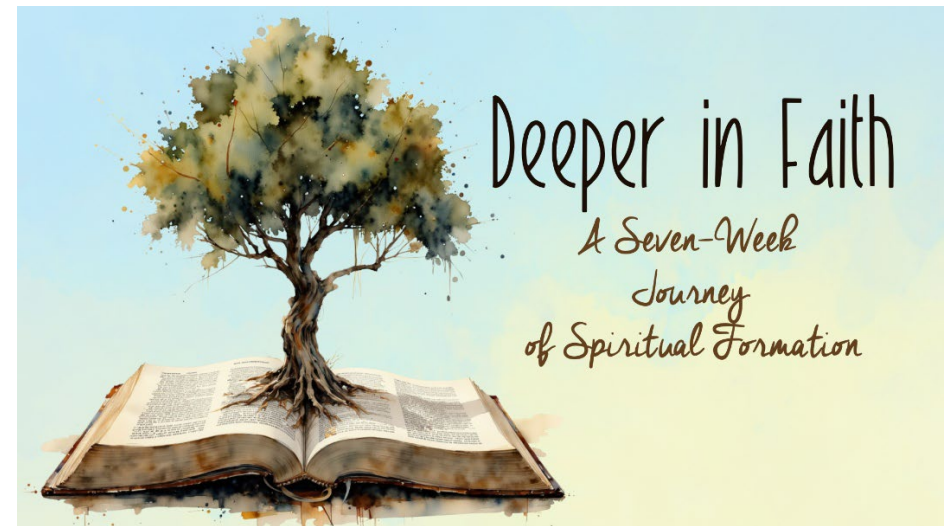
Nominating Committee: *Mary Neavin, Bill Brower
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Treasurer: Doug Moore, treasurer@eatonfpc.org

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*Chairperson

First Presbyterian Church



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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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