

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

Rev. Melick

Leader: God of Discernment, you give us the paths of righteousness to follow.

All: *Show us the ways forward that you would have us travel.*

Leader: God of Compassion, you love us even when we get it wrong. Help us to listen to you and get it right.

All: *God of Mercy, open our senses that we may be open to your presence and your Spirit in our midst.*

Leader: Holy One: your divine awareness of our world far exceeds our own.

All: *Remind us that we can trust in you both today and always.*

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 #753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Charge and Benediction

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

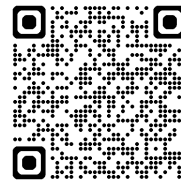
This Week at FPC

October 11 – Session Meeting
October 11 – 2:00pm, Blessing of the Animals
October 13 – 7:00pm, AA
October 14 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
October 15 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
October 15 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

Mark Your Calendars

October 20 – 7:00pm, AA
October 21 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
October 22 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
October 22 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study
October 25 – Sandwich Ministry
October 27 – 7:00pm, AA
October 28 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
October 29 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
October 29 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

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.

Special Music Majesty Linda Daily recorded on organ

Children's Message The Five Finger Prayer Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Blake Clabaugh

Old Testament Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:5-8

Old Testament Scripture Reading Philippians 1:9-11

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Spiritual Discernment Rev. Melick

Ritual Action - Prayer Practices

***Reflection Hymn #720** Jesus Calls Us

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Rev. Melick

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
October 11, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Spiritual Discernment**

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Rev. Melick

Call to Worship

Blake Clabaugh

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise, everyone!

All: Serve God with gladness, enter god's presence by singing.

Liturgist: Know that God is good.

All: The Lord made us, and we are God's; we are God's people.

Liturgist: God is good! Bless God's name.

All: We give thanks to God for God's love and faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Blake Clabaugh

Ever-present God, you are the source of all knowledge and strength. As we discern your will in our lives and in our communities, help us to listen for your voice and know the path you have placed before us. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

***Opening Hymn #408** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Blake Clabaugh

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we don't always do well at listening to you, or noticing your guidance. We are unaware of you, your presence, and ignore your leading. When we aren't able to hear you, it is more difficult for us to love and serve you and others. Forgive us. Help us to be better at listening to your voice and noticing your movement and guidance in our lives, so that we can fulfill our calling to be light for the world. Amen.



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Week 6

Spiritual Discernment

Theme

Hearing God's voice

Scripture

John 10:27

Guiding Questions

- What are some prayer practices or spiritual practices that help you listen for God's guidance? If you're not sure, find some to experiment with!
- Think of a time when you were able to hear God's voice. How did you know it was God? What did you do, or not do, as a result?
- Think of a time when you discerned a decision in a group setting. How did it go? Looking back, how do you know the decision that was made was God-given (or not)?

Going Deeper

Spend some time trying a spiritual practice you've never done before. Maybe it's spending time in God's creation (nature), walking while praying, or doodling a prayer on paper. Give yourself permission to try something new, without judgment, and see what God may be saying to you while you try a new-to-you spiritual practice.

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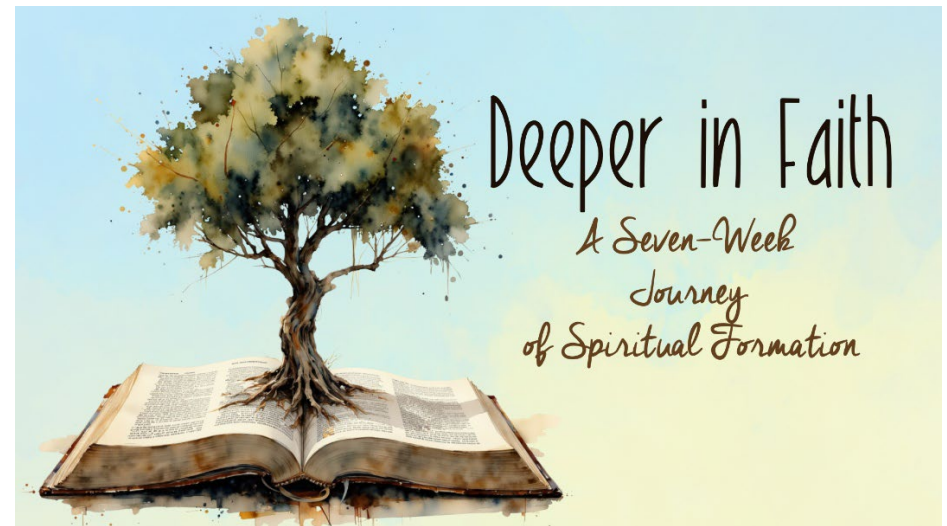
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First Presbyterian Church



October 11, 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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