

Baptism and New Member

***Baptism Hymn #482** *Baptized in Water*

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: Lord, we come before you today in supplication, praying for the world, our country, the communities in which we live, and for one another.

All: We pray for leaders, teachers, healthcare workers, support staff, first responders, and so many others who dedicate their lives to public service and to caring for people in need.

Leader: We pray for friends, family members, colleagues, coworkers, and acquaintances, that their needs may be known to you.

All: We pray for the sick, the infirm, the dying, and those who care for them. We pray for those who struggle with addiction, those who are unhoused. And we pray for those who struggle with forming relationships.

Leader: We pray for those whose burdens are heavy, and who feel lost and alone.

All: Give us the wisdom, courage, mercy, and generosity to be a people who make space for others, through witnessing their struggles and walking alongside them.

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 #295** *Go To the World*

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Melick

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

This Week at FPC

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

Mark Your Calendars

October 27 – 7:00pm, AA

October 28 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

October 29 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

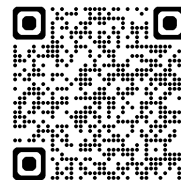
October 29 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 3 – 7:00pm, AA

November 8 – Communion / Session Meeting

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

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 *How Great Thou Art* Linda Daily recorded on organ

Children's Message *A Cord of Three Strands* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Susan Schaurer

New Testament Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Scripture Reading Luke 10:1-11

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Synergos: Co-Laborers in Faith* Rev. Melick

Ritual Action - *Spiritual Practices in Community*

***Reflection Hymn #300** *We Are One in the Spirit/They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

***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 18, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Spiritual Discernment*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsive, from 1 Corinthians 12) Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: For just as the body is one and has many members,

All: All the members of one body, though many, are one in Christ.

Liturgist: There are none that are greater or lesser when viewed by God,

All: But each is of equal honor and equal importance.

Liturgist: God has appointed each of us with a variety of gifts,

All: And together we rejoice and use these gifts to the honor of Christ Jesus.

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Susan Schaurer

Holy One, you bless us with a community of believers in order that we may be strengthened in love, supported in duty, and bound through mutual respect. Give us today a view of ourselves as part of a great community of saints and disciples who have worked for your sure purposes in the world. Let us see our own gifts and the gifts of others as worthy in your sight, and let us see these gifts as necessary for the sake of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Susan Schaurer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, Holy One, hear us as we pray to you. We ask your forgiveness for times when we have failed to live in community and right relationship with one another; for times when we have hurt others on purpose or inadvertently through our deeds and actions. You show us through your disciples that we are meant to work together but we acknowledge that this can be both challenging and difficult. Give us your grace and your wisdom, that we might live into the loving communities you imagine for us. Bring us alongside others whose faith can lift us and support us as we move through the world. Amen.

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Co-Laborers in Faith

Theme

Two are better than one

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Guiding Questions

- When have you struggled to do something by yourself but found the same task easy to do with others?
- Who do you find it most challenging to work with?
- Who is easiest for you to work with?

Going Deeper

There is a lot of research that shows higher productivity and better problem solving when a diverse group of people are involved. While it is not always easy to work with others, the benefits show up clearly in the outcomes. Have you struggled to work with others? In life, and in faith communities, it is not always 'sunshine and roses'. Yet Jesus calls us into community and partnership with one another. What are some ways you have overcome challenges when working with others? What reminders do you have to stay focused on the outcomes beyond the challenges getting there?

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

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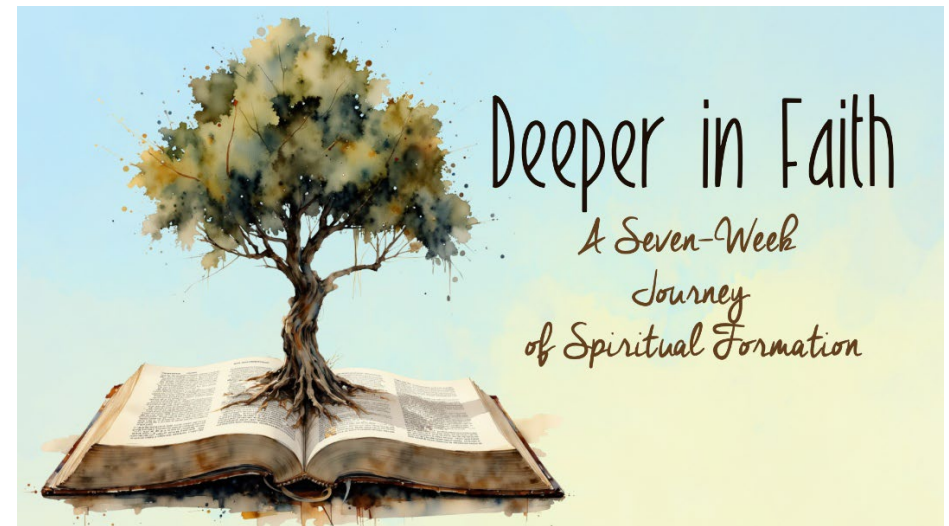
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October 18, 2026

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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