



First Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF ASP TEAM

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sidonie Sansom, Finance Chair

VOLUNTARY:

Allegro

John Stanley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Brady, Liturgist

ONE: When the path leads nowhere, we become disoriented, and skies darken,

ALL: how do we find peace, O God?

ONE: When farewells are too many, tears won't stop, and strength is gone,

ALL: how do we rest, O God?

ONE: When hope is hard, love is lost, and light is dim,

ALL: you give us one more breath, O God.

*OPENING HYMN:

Now All Thank We All Our God

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE From ancient times to now, God's people have turned away. We are no different: we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way. Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God, saying...

ALL: True God from True God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: God shows us a different way—a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

ALL: **Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

#581

ALL: **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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Long

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 32:1-14

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

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ANTHEM: Psalm 23

Heinz Werner Zimmermann

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want! He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies, thou annointest my head with oil, my cup overflows!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life! And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord!

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14

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ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Katie Long

***SERMON HYMN:** When Peace like a River

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY: What Can Wash Away My Sin?

Kimberly Snow

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

**ALL: 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

*CLOSING HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE: Now All Thank We All Our God

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Sunday School** – 9:45am in Room 16
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

CLERK: Chris McCormick

DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
Wiley
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

BIRTHDAYS:

Thurmond, Paul 10/01
Smith, Andrew 10/09
Kirby, Charlotte 10/11
Kumar, Katie 10/15

Burgess, Lois 10/17
Perkins, Jackson 10/25
Ledbetter, Ron 10/31

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music
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