



First Presbyterian Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registers & Binder: Please sign, fill out, and pass.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Pledge Dedication Sunday

VOLUNTARY:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Larry Shackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cade Arnold, Liturgist

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,

ALL: so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

ONE: I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

ALL: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

ONE: We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

*OPENING HYMN:

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

#5

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: The Word of God, Jesus Christ leads the way to salvation through faith. In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love, we confess our sin and the sins of the world, saying...

ALL: Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us **#575**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God. Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin. People of God, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI **#581**

**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 Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31 **P.29**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 **P.201**

ONE: The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Awake, Awake to Love and Work *Christopher Gale*

Awake, awake to love and work, the lark is in the sky.
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
Their blessing on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, great Lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze.
To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost, to serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:1-8 **P.76**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: Seek Ye First **#175**

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the liturgist 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;

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The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... God our Savior,

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:

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

Gerald Peterson

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

*BENEDICTION
ONE: ...Alleluia!
ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:Trumpet AirPaul Bryan

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- Higher Grounds Café – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- Religion & Culture Class – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- 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
- Nursery – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- Children’s Church - 11:15am, in Room 16.
- Middle School Youth Group – 4pm-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Night Gathering – 5:15pm dinner, 6pm Acts lesson begins, in Fellowship Hall.
- Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

THURSDAY

- High School Youth Group – Morning coffee talk and encouragement, 7am-7:30am, home of Rev. Ory.

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....	Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Katie Ory.....	Dir. TTU PSA, Dir. Children & Youth Ministry
Paul Thurmond.....	Director of Music
Virginia Fillers.....	SoulSong Coordinator
Amy Ainsley.....	Office Administrator

ELDERS:

2025: Dina Smith, Rick Woods
2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins

CLERK: Donna Simpson

DEACONS:

2025: Chris McCormick, Erica Scott
2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
Wiley