



# First Presbyterian Church

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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.*

### VOLUNTARY:

The Church's One Foundation

*Andrew Moore*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Kelly Appleton, Liturgist*

ONE: The Mighty One has delivered our souls from death.

**ALL: In God our hearts are glad!**

ONE: The Mighty One has fashioned all our hearts.

**ALL: In God our hearts are glad!**

ONE: The Mighty One is our help and shield.

**ALL: In God our hearts are glad!**

ONE: Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

**ALL: Let us worship the one in whom we hope!**

### \*OPENING HYMN:

Morning Has Broken

**#664**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin, saying...

**ALL: God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we waver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

### \*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: From age to age, from generation to generation, God's mercy never fails. Hear the good news!

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**Glor**y 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: Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

**P.592**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

**P.211**

ONE: The Word of God is with us, on our lips and in our hearts for us to observe.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Every Valley

*John Ness Beck*  
*Text: Isaiah 40: 4-5*

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;  
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:32-40

**P.70**

SERMON

*Rev. Lisa Hermann*

\*SERMON HYMN: O for a Closer Walk with God

**#739**

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

**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;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**#306**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... In faith, O God,

**ALL: we seek your grace.**

## 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:

Romance

*Reinhold Glière*

## 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:

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

**#815**

## \*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Pipings

*James Southbridge*

# 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.
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

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

## 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

## BIRTHDAYS:

|                 |       |                |       |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| SMITH, Eric     | 08/05 | MCGEE, John    | 08/12 |
| FULCHER, Katie  | 08/08 | PATE, Wyrick   | 08/16 |
| WILHELM, Albert | 08/11 | LAWSON, Tony   | 08/21 |
| KOCI, Ezra      | 08/12 | CHISAM, Dustin | 08/29 |

## 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

Website: [www.firstprescookeville.org](http://www.firstprescookeville.org)

Church Office: Wed.-Fri. 9:00am-3:00 pm

Telephone: (931) 526-4424, E-Mail: [office@firstprescookeville.org](mailto:office@firstprescookeville.org)