



First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 09, 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:

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Garrett Parker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Wiley, Liturgist

ONE: The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

ALL: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

ONE: The Lord has made known his victory; do not to be quickly shaken or alarmed.

ALL: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

ONE: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

ALL: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

ONE: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace,
gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every
good work and word.

ALL: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN:

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: In Jesus Christ, God moves towards us with open arms, welcoming our confession, and
offering a fresh start. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness, saying...

**ALL: You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the
example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We pursue our
own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash
us anew. Forgive us again. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where
Christ leads.**

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Stand firm in the gospel. Stand firm in the goodness and mercy of our God. Stand firm and be refreshed by God's refreshing love. This is good news!

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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: Job 19:23–27a **P.443**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 **P.194**

ONE: The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Sing with All the Saints in Glory *William Bradley Roberts*

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.
Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 20:27-38 **P.79**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: Sing a New Song unto the Lord #276

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:

When We Are Living

Emma Lou Diemer

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

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
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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
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Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
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