



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Pastor Eddie

Prelude*Voluntary on "Von Himmel Hoch"*

Setting by Young

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you.

All: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Charlie March

Hymn of Praise No. 105As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

***Prayer of Adoration and 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.

Apostle's 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, 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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Hymn No. 348Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Runyan

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering and Anthem *We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells* Setting by Kelsey

***Scripture Reading** Philippians 4:14-20 Page 1164

Sermon “A Generous Life” Pastor Eddie

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

***Sending Song No. 861** *In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified* Kilpatrick

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Von Himmel Hoch Da Komm Ich* Marpurg

*All who are able, please stand.

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welcome

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the card.

Children’s Activity Bags are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children’s bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

Children’s Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the “Word with our Children”, they will be escorted to their classroom in the Nursery.

A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!



As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the ‘Good Samaritan Fund’ envelope, or mark your offering ‘Good Samaritan Fund’.



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hank Cranford by Steve & Vicky Galliera and Cranford family.



Thank you to all who contributed to the Building on the Cornerstone campaign! The fundraising campaign has been a success, and the team has engaged a landscaping and hardscaping company to make the improvements to our property. Plans are for the work to begin in the late winter and to be completed in the spring. More details will be shared about the work and schedule as the date draws nearer.

The Session has approved our church budget for 2026

Please see the Thursday email for a link to the 2026 Budget Report. Printed copies are available for you to pick up in the Narthex.



All Sunday School classes will resume this Sunday. Plan to join us each Sunday at 9:30 am for morning coffee and 10:00am for studying God's Word together.

There are three Bible Reading Plans available for you in 2026! The plans are designed to encourage daily Bible Reading and time meditating on God's Word.

- **The 2026 Bible Reading Plan** focuses on the New Testament, with Old Testament readings from Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.
- **The Bible in a Year – Mixed Readings** takes you through the entire Bible in one year. Each week, you will read from an Epistle, Old Testament Law, Old Testament History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy, and a Gospel.
- **The Bible in a Year – Chronological Plan** takes you through the entire Bible in one year. It is arranged chronologically, so you read events, psalms, and letters in the order in which they occurred.

Printed "bookmarks" with these plans may be found in the Narthex. You can also access them from our website.





I am so thankful to have found a church that teaches the Gospel, loves others as themselves, and are truly the hands and feet of Christ. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and text messages during this difficult and uncertain time in my life. I love all of you! Regina Starnes

Thank you so much for this Christmas blessing! This is going to help my family so much. We are so thankful for your help. Thank you!

Love, The Paz Favera family (Shady Brook Elem family)

Thank you so much for blessing our family for Christmas! We are so thankful for your support and kindness. Thank you!

Love, Montai Van Alvarez family (Shady Brook Elem family)



To our First Pres family...Thank you for your donations (130 items) for our Giving Tree this year. We were able to bless eight children and four homebound Senior Citizens because of your generosity.

Linda's Closet is open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00am - 1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are workdays.

The closet will reopen THIS Tuesday, January 6.

Current needs:

- Kids clothes, especially boys, sizes 5-16
- new underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

- small cosmetic bags
- feminine products
- new/gently-used towels

PRAYER CONCERNS

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Peggy Gibson and family - loss of Frank
- Debby Baker - recovery from pneumonia
- Vicki Morris - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Steve Goodnight - recovering at home
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Watts
- Julie Doby - broken hip pocket and femur

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - stem cell treatment in January
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer treatments in January

HOMEBOUND

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, January 4

Happy New Year!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, January 6

11:00 - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, January 7

6:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, January 8

12:00pm - NA

Next Sunday, January 11

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church This Week: Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer

Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Charlie March

Acolytes Next Week: Caylin Lowder & Scarlett Porter

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery Next Week: Roxanne Spencer

Ushers: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker

Ushers Next Week: Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond

Greeters: Sue Maiocchi, Donnie Swaringen

FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER

YTD Income \$281,973.05

YTD Expenses \$281,666.54

YTD Budget \$292,984.12

Last week's attendance: 12/28/2025

Worship AM - 73

NO Sunday School last week



SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Sharon Cranford

Tony Rary

Cookie Hamilton

Chris Lowder

Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi

Phil McLain

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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