***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Page #14

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

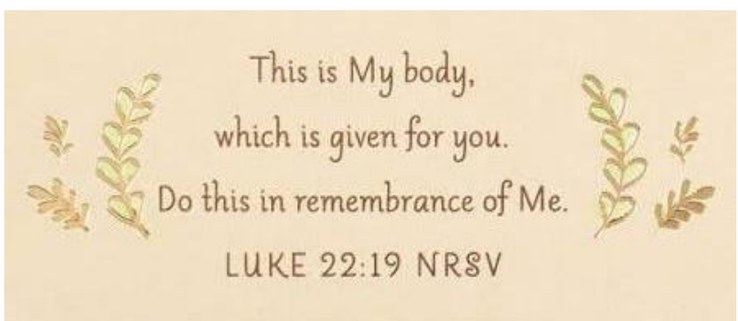
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes & Offerings Duo on *"Darwall"* Charles Callahan
***The Doxology** Page #809
***Prayer of Dedication**

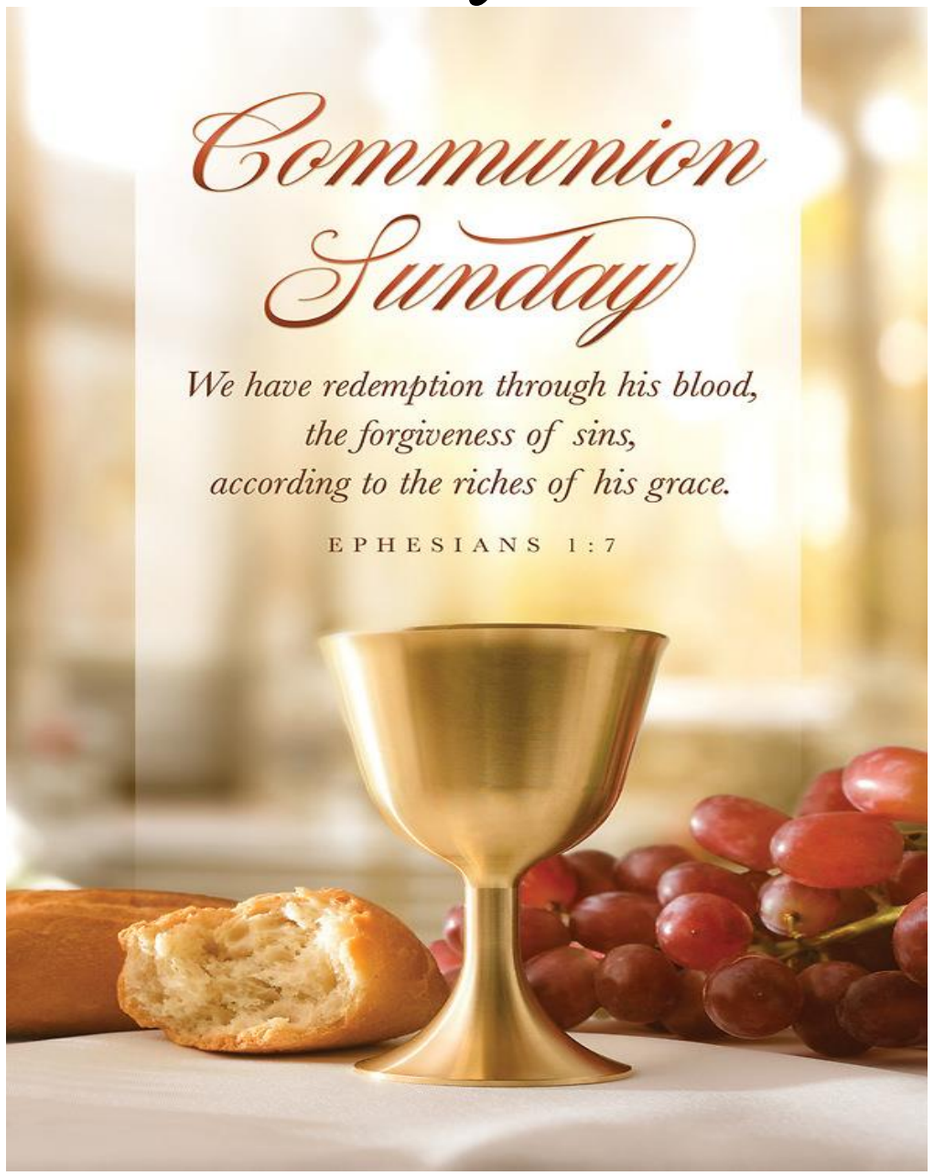
***Hymn** *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* Page #262

***Benediction**

Postlude *"Sine Nomine"* R.V. Williams



The First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 1, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 1, 2026 10:30 a.m. Worship
*Congregation May Stand

Prelude *"O Worship the King"* Neil Harmon

Welcome and Announcements James Brandon

Call to Worship Psalm 42:1-2

Invocation

Hymn** **"Rejoice in God's Saints"* Page #749

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 43

Leader: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from deceitful and unjust men
deliver me!

People: **For Thou art the God in whom I take refuge;**
why hast Thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

Leader: Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth;
let them lead me,
let them bring me to Thy holy hill
and to Thy dwelling!

People: **Then I will go to the altar of God,**
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise Thee with the lyre,
O God, my God.

All: **Why are you cast down, O my soul,**
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
my help and my God.

Prayer of Confession Adapted from *The Valley of Vision* *(unison)*

Lord Jesus, I sin - Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for Thee and not for self, to copy Thy words, acts, spirit, to be transformed into Thy likeness, to be consecrated wholly to Thee, to live entirely to Thy glory. Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with deep contrition, earnest heart searching, I may come to Thee, cast myself on Thee, trust in Thee, cry to Thee, be delivered by Thee.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)* **….Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Joshua 3:7-17 Pew Bible Page #187

Anthem *"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"* Nancy Roberts

Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 12:1-2 Pew Bible Page #1052

Sermon True Healing Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* Page #552

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- ***The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution***
- ***Salutation and Sursum Corda*** Page #785
- ***The Sharing of the Bread and Cup***

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, November 1
8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 2
7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4

Thursday, November 5
4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, November 6
5:00 -6:30 p.m. Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 7

Next Sunday, November 8 – Stewardship Sunday!
8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

USHERS

November 8	Tom Fink, Patti Péwé, and Sheryl Sanford
November 15	Stuart Risedorph, Lisa Roberts, and Andrew Root
November 22	Connie Hutchinson, Carol Ringenberg, and Marsha Rollins
November 29	Cress and Portteus Kids

WELCOME

Jesus calls us to follow Him. We start by hearing His teachings and being strengthened through Communion. We are here for the great love of God declares, "***You are all welcome at My table."*** God promises that one day we will feast together with Jesus in heaven.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 77

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	James Brandon
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bob Roberts
DEACON:	Patti Péwé
USHERS:	Noël & Dan Bisher, Ruth Brown, and Connie Hutchinson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress *(Pastor's Father),* Mary Sanderson *(McGuire Unit)*, Barbara Crain *(Sister Candy Hoffman)* and Lauren Hoffman *(Granddaughter Candy & Phil Hoffman)*

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:, Beverly Fall, Les Hutchinson, Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles *(Cousin Vida)*, Keith Brown *(Friend H.Wood)*, Michael Brown *(Irma's Nephew),* Elizabeth Burke *(Friend B.Kneen)*, Kimberly Burlew, Charles Cress *(Pastor's Father),* Rosie Dryer *(Friend S.Kinney)*, Kevin & Bridget Fowler *(Parents B.Portteus),* Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham *(Friends B.Kneen)*, Sheila Hall *(Friend C.Erholtz)*, Ashley Hightower, Sandy Kneen *(Daughter-in-law B.Kneen),* Nancy Leutheuser, Shirley McIntyre, Linda & Tom Monnich *(Friends C.Ringenberg),* Tom Osborn *(Brother-in-law B.Kneen)*, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father)*, Sarah Price *(Daughter B.Barron)*, JoAnne Rollins *(Sister-in-law M.Rollins)*, Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas *(Friend C.Erholtz)*, Dean Melchi & Phillip Worburton *(Friends B.Kneen),* Laura VanWormer *(Friend L.Fogarty)*, Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright *(Son Karen Lagasee-Wright);* **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** SGT Ricardo Arellano *(US Arm—Grandson Janice & Steve Simons)*, LT. Andrea Cornett *(USN);* LT. Col. Garron Garn *(US Marines)*, Commander Zachary Laden *(US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor)*, Major Ben Larson *(Nattional Guard--Grandson C.Dear)*, and LT. Sydney Rouble *(USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers);* **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children's Foundation, Love Inc, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse; Share the Warmth, and the Outreach Foundation; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Tim Auseon, Diane Eames, Jan & Denny Garn, and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, we remember and celebrate the precious gift of life Jesus gave us through the blood that He spilled by partaking in the **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** by intinction. As we leave this place, may we hold this fresh remembrance and the story that never grows old close to our heart.

- **NOTE:** If you would prefer to use the **pre-packaged gluten-free communion cups,** please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins. The **loose offering** in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

DEACONS MEETING: The Deacons will have their regular monthly meeting this **Thursday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Anniversary Room.

LADIES SOCIETY: The next Ladies Society meeting is planned for this **Wednesday November 4 at 12 Noon** in the Anniversary Room. **Hostesses** are **Sue Hayes and Laureen Kimbrough.** The **devotions** will be given by **Bev Taylor**. Following lunch, we will convene to a **Business Meeting.** We invite all ladies to join us for lunch and celebrate the autumn season with fun, laughs, and wonderful fellowship!

LET'S PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX! Let's help the Samaritan's Purse mission to children around the world by making a shoebox Christmas gift package for a child in need. Boxes, brochures, and other gift items are available for your use can be found in Fellowship Hall. Please **return filled shoeboxes by November 15.** Everyone is invited to participate!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Men, our weekly Bible study will be **cancelled this Thursday, November 5.** Let's **resume our study on Thursday, November 12 at 8 AM** in the Anniversary Room**.** See you all then!

SOUP SUPPER: All are welcome to our free Community Soup Supper this **Friday, November 6!** Everyone is welcome to come to this no-cost meal for food, fellowship, and friendship. Food is served from **5:00 p.m.–6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Please see Marsha Rollins today if you'd like to help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have adult and children's Sunday school classes that begin at 9:40 AM until 10:20 AM. It's a safe atmosphere where you can grow in Christ and build lasting relationships. There's a place for everyone—come grow, serve, and belong!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Join us on Sunday, November 8 for Stewardship Sunday. During our morning worship service, we will reflect on God's provision and collectively look ahead to the 2027 ministry year. We hope you will consider pledging for the first time, continuing your current pledge, or increasing your pledge to help the Church keep pace with increasing costs. No matter what you give, the point is to commit to a level of giving that honors God's generosity to you and that increases your joy. This is also a special opportunity to pray for how the Lord may be calling you to use your gifts in the coming year. We pray that God continues to open doors to opportunities that allow all of us to glorify Him!



We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in our recent Church events.

Your generosity, dedication, and hard work have been an immense blessing to our congregation during this busy season.

- **Pastor Appreciation:** We deeply appreciate the thoughtful expressions of gratitude, cards, and gifts presented to our Pastor and his family for Pastor Appreciation. It was a wonderful way to celebrate them. We appreciate everything they do!
- **Harvest Dinner:** Thank you to everyone who attended, cooked, set up, cleaned up, and brought delicious food to share at our annual feast. Special thanks to Connie Hutchinson and the Fellowship Committee for coordinating the day. It was a truly wonderful afternoon filled with delicious food, laughter, and a beautiful spirit of togetherness across our Church family.
- **Church Work Days:** A big shout-out to the crew who showed up with tools, energy, and smiles to care for God's house. Thanks to your hard work, our property looks beautifully refreshed and ready for winter. Special thanks to Les Hutchinson and the Building & Grounds Committee for directing our efforts.

THANK YOU FROM THE CRESS FAMILY

We thank you all for your cards and gifts received during Pastor Appreciation Month. You continue to be a generous and supportive congregation, and we are happy to serve you as long as the Lord leads us to do so. Thank you for the year behind and the years to come!