

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by re-affirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Parris
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Bernadine Hayes
Greeter	Barbara Wilkins
Side door/Offering	David Swann

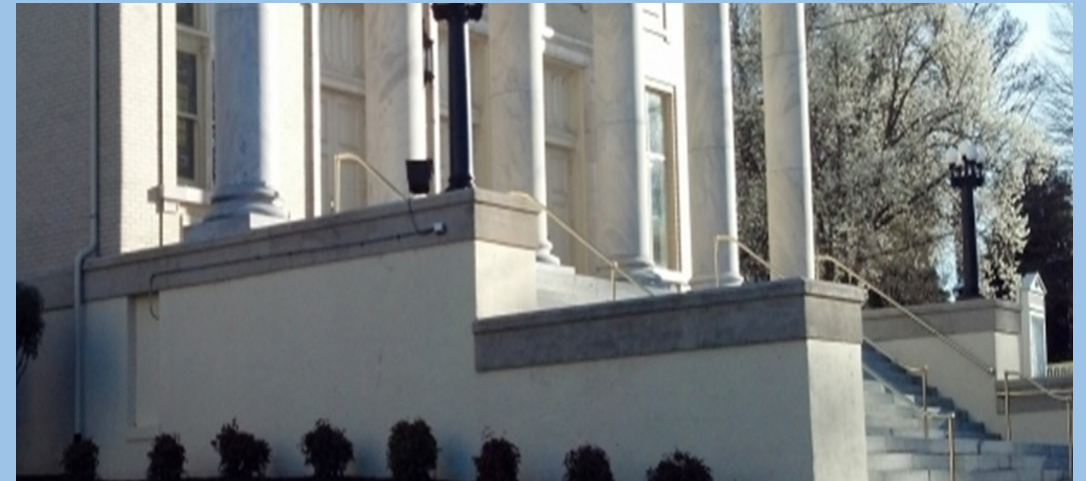
BUDGET UPDATE

	September 1 – 30	YTD
Contributions	\$34,824.15	\$270,588.37
Expenditures	\$60,930.79	\$393,289.19
Difference	(-\$26,106.64)	(-\$122,700.82)

First Presbyterian Church

November 10, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

November 10, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" G. Elvey/
arr. C. Dobrinski

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

INVOCATION

Dear Heavenly Father, We gather in your presence today, filled with awe and gratitude. We ask that your Holy Spirit move among us and open our hearts to your message. Guide us to worship you in spirit and truth, and may we experience the miracle of your sustenance in our lives. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

November 11th	Veterans Day
November 12th	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm Session 6:30pm
November 13th	Youth 6:00pm
November 14th	Bible Study 10:30am Choir Practice 4:30pm
November 16th	Saturday Lunch Ministry 11:30am

The flowers this morning are given in to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas Barrett.

Commitment Sunday is today. Please bring your commitment cards, we will place them in baskets during the service.

There will be a community Thanksgiving Service Monday November 25th, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast is Saturday November 23rd at 8:00am in Westminster Room.

List of Session members

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

“Creator of the Stars of Night”
Sarum plainsong | Translated by John Mason Neale
Arranged by John Ferguson

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, thou Savior of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.
At the great name of Jesus now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in one;
Praise honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.
Amen, Amen.

About the Anthem:

Sarum plainchant is a liturgical style of singing that developed in 11th century England under the Bishop of Salisbury, St. Osmund (a Norman). Sarum chants closely resemble the Gregorian chants which inspired them. Both types of chant use free rhythm, modes, psalm tones, and tropes (musical and textual interjections which differ from the overall style of the piece). Sarum chants are different from Gregorian chants because of their smaller range and more formal structure. Some listeners hear a similarity to the pentatonic scale and Asian folksongs in the small melodic range and modal tonality of Sarum chant. Compositions in this style continued until at least the year 1500.

The translator of this chant, John Mason Neale, was an ordained Anglican minister. He spent most of his time writing poetry and hymns, along with translating Latin works into English. He worked to improve services for the poor and homeless in England, as well as improving communication and relations between Protestant, Evangelical, and Catholic Christians. Reverend Neale considered his writings “the common property of Christendom” and allowed for free use of them in any hymnals or Christian education materials. His most popular translations include, “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation,” “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” “The Day of Resurrection,” and “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” He is also the author of the popular Christmas song “Good King Wenceslas.”

HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation’s. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 34:22)

Leader: “The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

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. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Acts 20:35)

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "Thaxted" Gustav Holst,
Gregory Robey, trombone

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host. praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Creator of the Stars of Night" Sarum plainsong,
arr. John Ferguson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (263/253) 1 Kings 17:8-16
(756/718) Mark 12:38-44

SERMON "How do you trust God?" Jackson Weller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN # 321 The Church’s One Foundation

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ 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 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.

POSTLUDE "Cwm Rhondda" by John Hughes,
arr. C. E. Walz

BENEDICTION