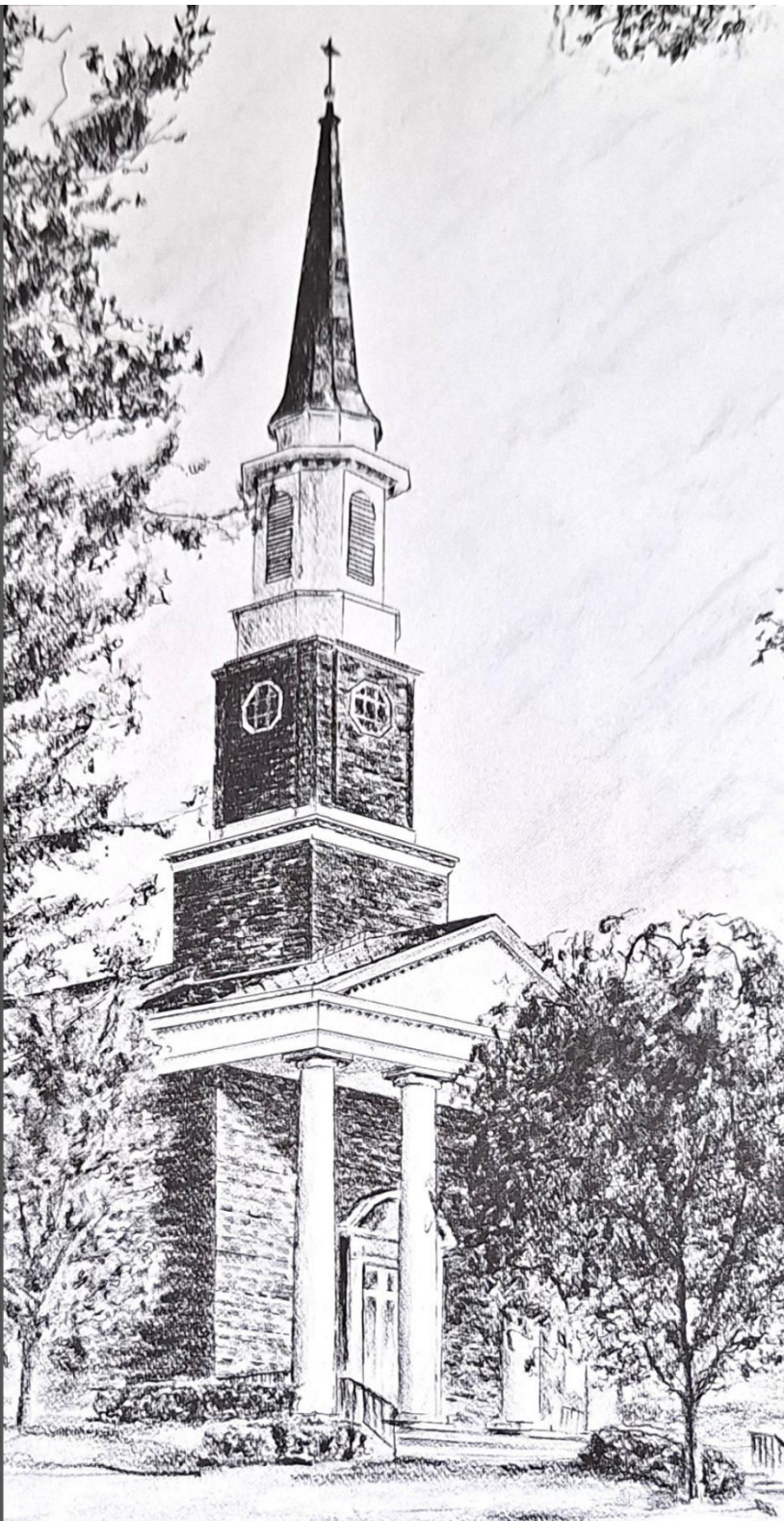


Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY Spanish Rhapsody on *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. J. Raney

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 37

Do not worry over what others have done. Don't envy the success of evildoers.

Their time is short.

Trust in the Lord, do good, live long, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord. And God will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit to the ways of the Lord and trust.

God can make your way safe and sound. Your fairness and mercy will shine like the sun.

Wait patiently.

Evil cannot prosper.

OPENING PRAYER

As we come to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own tables. Our vision of grace is narrow. Our awareness of mercy is limited. Our understanding of your promised kingdom always falls short of your holiness. Hear our prayers and forgive us. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and fill our spirits. Let us live joyfully and abundantly, belonging to Jesus. **Amen.**

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who rules over all, and works through all things, and is present in all. Everything we are and think and do will be permeated with the one God.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord, we do so little good, and yet the good we do is always pleasing to you. Now help us to put aside selfishness and share with one another. Together,

help us find the qualities of your mercy and the hopes that are secured by your divine love. Bring us into communion with all who call on your name and devote themselves to you. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 575)

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God's mercy renew and stir us. Remember your baptism and give thanks.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Amanda Taylor, Pitino Shelter

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Jesus is your Word made flesh. Now illumine this Word by your Spirit. Tell us what you would have us hear and guide us to be who you would want us to be, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (Read Responsively)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Therefore, we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message declared through angels proved valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was confirmed for us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2:1-11 (N.T.p. 197)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In Christ, we have received everything we need. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Bonse Aba

arr. Victor C. Johnson

All who sing with the spirit have a right to be called the children of God.

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all: (Hymn 552)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Chant de Paix

J. Langlais

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of your Spirit unite us in Christ with all who call on him now and have called on him before. Give us precious unity beyond what we have experienced and bless us to remain together in our Lord's body and blood. Satisfy us that we will know Christ when he comes again, making us and all things well. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Nun Danket Alle Gott

S. Karg-Elert

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Madeline Howell & Mary Lou Taylor*

Kids' Kirk: *Marna Loucks*

The Life of the Church

SpiritLifters will be meeting at 5:00 Tuesday, October 7th, at the home of Marilyn Erickson and Tamara Warren. Stephanie Dube will be driving the church bus leaving promptly at 4:30 from the church parking lot. Please let Jerry Price know if you will be attending.

Our annual **Fall Festival** will take place on Sunday, October 26th from 4-6 PM. We will have trunk or treating, a cake walk, a chili supper, and more. The event is open to the community, so we will need lots of help to make this a big success! Please see Stephanie Dube, Marilyn Ericksen, or Debbie McCoy for more information. To volunteer, sign-up sheets are available on the Helping Hands table in the hallway.

On **Sunday, October 12th**, please join us following worship for a **reception honoring Matthew Covington** and his time with FPC.

Printed copies of this week's **PresbyNotes** newsletter are available on the table in the hall.

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.50 is taken from your donation
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.30 is taken from your donation
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year-To-Date (thru Aug)	Month To Date (September)	Week of September 28
Income: \$ 314,028.77	Income: \$ 29,016.14	Income: \$ 2,580.00
<u>Expense: \$ 291,987.88</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 36,717.87</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 759.10</u>
Balance: \$ 22,040.89	Balance: (-\$ 7,701.73)	Balance: \$ 1,820.90

**We're only a little ahead for the year.
Keep your pledge current and look for more good news here.**



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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