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Rev. Michelle Bartel, Ph. D., Preaching
Stephanie Davisson , Accompanist
Rick Comingore, Liturgist

Welcome
to
First Presbyterian Church
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Church Mission Statement: We are a Presbyterian church responding to new mission frontiers presented by our changing culture. Guided by our Lord Jesus Christ, we love, serve and embrace all people.

Sunday Offering: \$1,470.00
Attendance: 19

Pastor: Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.
Youth Minister: Stephanie Davisson
Director of Music: Stephanie Davisson
Office Administrator: Bethany Dodge 219-866-7005
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Prayer concerns: Margaret Miller, Family of Joyce Cady, Carol Geisel, Rick & Kelly Dragoo, Julie Wall, Dawn Jefferson, Joy Mendenhall, Sharon DeWees, Tony’s mother, Family of Richard and Wendy White, Ron Sheffler and family, Ed & Barb Michael, Carol Hoover, the family of Bill Gehring, Deb & Jen H, Baha & Mavluda, Bessy & her family, the family of Malcolm and Jessica, Zachary Ausel, the Jones family, and Central Presbyterian Church in Lafayette.

If you would like a child’s folder or a wireless hearing assistance device, let the usher know.

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,
for ever. Amen.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday, Oct. 20	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Tuesday, Oct. 21	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dance Magic
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study (lounge)
Wednesday, Oct. 22	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	No youth group	
Thursday, Oct. 23	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Saturday, Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Lounge)
Sunday, Oct. 26	9:30 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

- Bible study will meet at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday in the lounge .
- Office hours will be Monday–Thursday from 9am-4pm.
- There will be no youth group this week due to Fall Break.
- Please join us the **first four Sundays** in November, from **3:30-5:30 p.m.** for an adult education series titled:
"The Courage of Discipleship: Conversations with Dietrich Bonhoeffer about Faithful Living in These Times"
A simple soup and bread supper will be included!
- There will be a chicken and noodle lunch on **Wednesday, Oct. 22** from **11:00-1:00pm** at St. Luke Lutheran Church. \$10/person. Eat -in or take-out. Proceeds go toward the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. See poster on church bulletin board.
- The FPC Cookie Walk will be on **Friday, Nov. 14** from **4:00 -6:00** pm. Cookies will be \$6.00/lb.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

-Ephesians 4

In 2 Timothy 3 we read that all scripture is useful for teaching, and that the purpose is equipping each other for every good work. What connections do you see between 2 Timothy 3 and Ephesians 4? How do these passages shed light on our discipleship of Jesus Christ?

"But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

-James 1

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 19, 2025

✠ Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship :

Rick Comingore

Leader: O God, our Creator, great is your faithfulness!

People: We see new your mercies morning by morning.

Leader: You care about our needs more than we can imagine.

People: May we be nourished by our time together with you this morning

Leader: As we sing songs, pray, and listen,

People: As we gather to worship you with thanksgiving and joy!

✠ Hymn of Praise # 63 *The Lord is God*

Call to Confession (based on Matthew 11)

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, help us. When we have ignored you and broken your covenant with us, when we have turned our backs on your love, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

Choir: *Blessed be the Name*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We read in God's Word that we shall no longer teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for we shall all know God. For God forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia, Amen!

✠ Response #581 *Gloria Patri*

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading Psalm 121 p. 571 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8 p. 81 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 p. 212 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Equipped for Every Good Work

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”

Hymn of the Word # 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (we use “debts and debtors” in the prayer)

The Offering
(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

✠Doxology #607 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord of all, we read in scripture that we should never be lacking in zeal, but instead keep your spiritual fervor, that we might serve you. Ignite a fervent devotion within us as we present these gifts. May they contribute to the advancement of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

✠ Hymn of Sending # 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verses 1, 2 &5)

✠ Benediction

Congregational Response #748 *Go With Us, Lord*

Postlude