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FOR GOD GAVE US

A SPIRIT

Not of Fear

BUT OF

POWER & LOVE

AND SELF-CONTROL

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Rev. Michelle Bartel, Ph. D., Preaching
Stephanie Davisson , Accompanist
Tony Butler, 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: \$457.00 Attendance: 20
Pastor: Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.
Youth Minister: Stephanie Davisson
Director of Music: Stephanie Davisson
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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. 5	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Communion
World Communion		Peace and Global Witness Offering
Sunday		
Monday, Oct. 6	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Tuesday, Oct. 7	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. 8	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday, Oct. 9	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	3:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Saturday, Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Lounge)
Sunday, Oct. 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship

Announcements

- Bible study will meet at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday in the lounge .
- Office hours will be Monday–Thursday from 9am-4pm.
- Youth meets this Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm.
- The **Peace and Global Witness** offering will be collected today, **Oct. 5th.**
- Session will meet on Thursday at 3:00pm

Celebration of Communion

Prayer After Communion

Hymn of the Word #515 *I Come with Joy*

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

Dear God, for whom and through whom all things exist, you are the Sovereign of the universe! Yet you have made us your beloved children and call us to love one another. On this World Communion Sunday, we rejoice that you gather us around Christ’s table from around the globe. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors, whom you know and love. We pray in the most excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

✠ Hymn of Sending #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

✠ Benediction

Congregational Response #749 *Come! Live in the Light!* Verse 1 and Refrain

Postlude

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 5, 2025
✠Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 24):

Tony Butler

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
People: the world and those who live in it.

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
People: We will return praise and thanksgiving for our relationships of faith through all God’s creation.

Leader: We will delight in remembering that the God of love is at work every where.
**People: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

✠ Hymn of Praise #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.

-Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession (adapted), Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon (adapted), and Prayer for Illumination written by John Wurster for *The Presbyterian Outlook*.
-Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted) posted on the website of Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is relentless in seeking us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. What good news this is, that in the gospel of Christ we have been sought and found with forgiveness and grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen!

✠ Response #581 *Gloria Patri*

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading Psalm 37:1-9 p. 510 OT

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

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:19-26 p. 766 OT

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

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10 p. 80 NT

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

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14 p. 211 NT

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

Sermon

A Spirit of Power and of Love and of Self-Discipline

“For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again