

| THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES |        |                                                     |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Today<br>(10/04)       | 9:30a  | Sunday School                                       |
|                        | 10:30a | Worship Service<br><i>World Communion</i>           |
| Monday<br>(10/05)      | 9:00a  | Bulletin Information Due<br>Website Information Due |
|                        | 1:00p  | Fellowship Committee                                |
|                        | 6:30p  | Triad A Capella Connection                          |
| Tuesday<br>(10/06)     | 11:00a | W&M Committee                                       |
| Wednesday<br>(10/07)   | 9:00a  | WW Meeting                                          |
| Sunday<br>(10/11)      | 9:30a  | Sunday School                                       |
|                        | 10:30a | Worship Service                                     |

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**Baked Goods:** Baked items are needed for the Market for All Seasons!!! Please help by registering on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your baked goods need to be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 23, between the hours of 9:00a. and 3:00p.

**Save the Date!** Pinecone Bird Feeders  
Friday, October 16, 2026  
9:30a to 11:30a

Market for All Seasons  
Saturday, October 24, 2026  
8:00 a.m. until 12 noon

Veteran's Day Breakfast  
Saturday, November 14, 2026  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



# First Presbyterian Church

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October 04, 2026—19th Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.***

One: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and keep us from sin.

**All: *The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.***

One: We tremble before God, yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God's word.

**All: *May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1-4)

ST. ANNE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law, but ignore its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of the God upon you so that you do not sin.” The One who orders all worlds seeks to bring order and freedom into our lives. To fear God is to open our eyes to the amazing vastness of God’s dominion and to the astonishing awareness that God knows each one of us, loves us, and has a purpose for us. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

\*RESPONSE

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.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Exodus 20:1-20

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

*“Bearing Fruit”*

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 525**

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

LET US BREAK BREAD

**\*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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God’s Gifts

The Communion Prayer

**\*HYMN NO. 708**

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Serving Today (Oct 04) — World Communion**

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Linda Volcek

Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Joanne Dramstad

Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Lynda Self,  
Dee Barham, Rich Tincher

**Serving Next Sunday (Oct 11)**

Greeters/Ushers: Dee Barham, Loretta Davies

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