

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026
10:00AM

Welcome and News of our Church Family

Prelude *Sunday School Song Medley*
Stephen Sivley, Piano

† Call to Worship: Bob Nicholson, Liturgist
L: Is Everyone Ready?
A: (Breathe)
L: We have all the time we need.
A: (Breathe)
L: Let's begin.

† Opening Hymn 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Invitation to Discipleship

Litany of Discipleship
L: Jesus calls us not only to believe, but to follow.
A: Lord, we come with open hearts.
L: Teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, and strength.
A: Shape our lives by Your Word.
L: Teach us to receive Your kingdom with the trust of a child.
A: Make us humble learners of Christ.
L: Go into the world as disciples of Jesus.
A: We will love, learn, serve, and follow wherever Christ leads. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Commitment

Prayer for God’s Strength

Response *Spirit of the Living God*

Passing of the Peace

Time for Little Presbyterians

Little Presbyterian Litany
A: We are children of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked as Christ’s forever. Nothing anyone ever says or does can make that not true.

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Anthem *Let Them Come*
Valerie MacKensie, Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading Mark 10:13-16

Sermon “Godly Play: Let the Children...”

† Second Hymn 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offering

† Doxology Hymn 592 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication

† Affirmation of Faith: (From A Brief Statement of Faith)
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

† Closing Hymn 430 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

† Benediction

Postlude *I Love to Tell the Story*
Sivley, Piano

† You are invited to stand.



The QR Code for online giving is now active.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. Would you like to know more about the life and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church? We invite you to scan the QR code or go to our website <https://presby.org/worship-contact/> to submit a form requesting information.



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Rally Day on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Adult Sunday School Classes meet at 9AM:
Faith Followers in Room 109.
Seekers in the Franklin Center.

4th Sunday lunch begins on Sunday, August 23rd in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Faith will celebrate 50 years of worshipping together by recreating the planting of the oak tree in the courtyard on September 6th following worship.

Childcare is available in Room #120 at 9AM on Sundays.

Thursday Morning Bible Studies:
Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is taking a break until August 20th.
Men’s Bible Study meets at 11:00AM-Noon in the Parlor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Items of the Month for August are canned carrots and mixed vegetables. They will go into the Elderly Mission Project (EMP) boxes which volunteers pack and deliver each month to seniors who need additional food toward the end of the month. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. You are making a difference!

We are reaching the end of a much-needed update to our church directory and we need everyone who has not had their picture made to take a new family photo. Henry Norton has graciously volunteered to take photos today from 11:10AM to 12:10PM. Thank you for helping us create an updated directory that reflects our wonderful church family!

4th Sunday Lunch in the Fellowship Hall begins on Sunday, August 23, 2026 after 10AM Worship. Faith members are asked to bring sides and desserts! Fried chicken, baked chicken, and drinks will be provided.



Faith Rededication celebrating 50 years! Faith will celebrate 50 years of worshipping together by recreating the planting of the oak tree in the courtyard on September 6th following worship. Plan to wear a blue shirt that Sunday!

The Nominating Committee meets today in Room 109 immediately following worship.

There will be a Session Meeting today in Room 109 at 1:30PM. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

First Stop, our mission partner that helps the homeless in Huntsville, has a new Amazon Wish List. You can order items to be sent directly to First Stop for distribution. See https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37G1B6F9UC368/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

The Women's Bible Study will begin their new study at 9:00AM on Thursday, August 20th in the Franklin Center. Those who attended Women's Connection at Montreat will talk about their experiences. The group will determine whether to meet at 9:00 or 9:30 and how to approach the study book, *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study: Discovering Who Jesus Is*.



The Men's Bible Study is continuing the study of the New Testament. All who are interested are invited.

Faith Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Worship



GODLY PLAY

Engage, Nurture, Bless

Faith Presbyterian Church wishes to **engage** the community with meaningful worship, to **nurture** this wonderful community with lasting discipleship and warm fellowship, and to **bless** the larger world with an amazing heart for mission.

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Dr. Michael Bowe, Pastor

Stephen Sivley, Director of Music Ministry

Dr. Beth Cape, Director of Evangelism

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