

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026
10:00AM

Welcome and News of our Church Family

Prelude *Just As I Am*
Arr. Craig Curry, Stephen Sivley, Piano

† Call to Worship: Clara Reed-Lee, Liturgist
L: We come as people of God, young and old, teachers and learners, seekers and disciples!
A: We come ready to listen, ready to learn, and ready to grow.
L: God calls us to love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
A: God calls us to share the story of faith from generation to generation.
L: Today we celebrate a new season of learning, serving, questioning, and discovering together.
A: May God shape us as disciples as we walk this journey together.

† Opening Hymn 144 *Allehuia! Sing to Jesus!*

Celebration of Faith Formation Clara Reed-Lee and Michael Bowe

Litany of Commissioning for Teachers and Helpers
To the Sunday School Teachers and Helpers:
L: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
L: Will you seek to nurture those entrusted to your care, helping them grow in faith and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?
L: Will you teach and serve with humility and grace, welcoming questions, encouraging curiosity, and creating a place where all may encounter God?
L: Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
To the Congregation:
L: Will you pray for these teachers and helpers, support them in their ministry, and faithfully participate in the Christian education and discipleship of this congregation?

Prayer for Christian Formation

Response Hymn 391 *Take My Life*

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 Psalm 78:1-7

Anthem *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*
John Purifoy, Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading Luke 13:18-19

Sermon “Story Time”

† Second Hymn *Across the Lands*

Offertory *Shall We Gather At the River*

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

Prayer of Dedication

† Affirmation of Faith: (From The Heidelberg Catechism Q1)
L: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A: That we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

† Closing Hymn 525 *Here I Am, Lord*

† Benediction

Congregational Response *Here I Am, Lord (Refrain)*

Minute for Mission

Postlude *Higher Ground*
Arr. Mark Hayes, Sivley, Piano

† You are invited to stand.



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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.

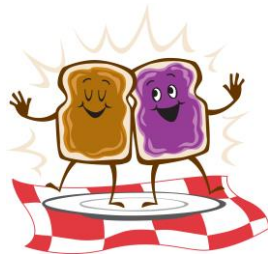


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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Items of the Month for August are canned carrots and mixed vegetables. The Items for September will be peanut butter and jelly. 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!



4th Sunday Lunch in the Fellowship Hall begins today after 10AM Worship. Everyone is invited to stay and have lunch and fellowship.

Floods! Wildfires! Tornadoes! Hurricanes! Earthquakes and more! Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is there, or working with partners in other countries, to help bring hope out of chaos. You can help any time of year by donating through our church. Put #2812 or PDA on your check or envelope. You will provide hope!



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.

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 has started a study of the book of John. Join us on Thursdays at 9AM in the Franklin Center.

The Men's Bible Study is continuing the study of the New Testament. The Men's Bible Study meets at 10AM in the Parlor.

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

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