

First Presbyterian Church

Christ is Preeminent

November 15, 2026

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In Preparation

Life is vapor that comes, and the next moment disappears. Yet what we do in life is vital. The Lord calls all of His children to walk with Him. Sometimes this means taking extraordinary steps of faith. Steps where we cannot see the stone beneath our feet, but we trust that Christ will lead us. Will you walk with Him by faith using your gifts to glorify Him?

Service of Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Congregational Greeting

Gospel Greeting

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 145:4–5* *(Recite in Unison)*

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:1–3*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
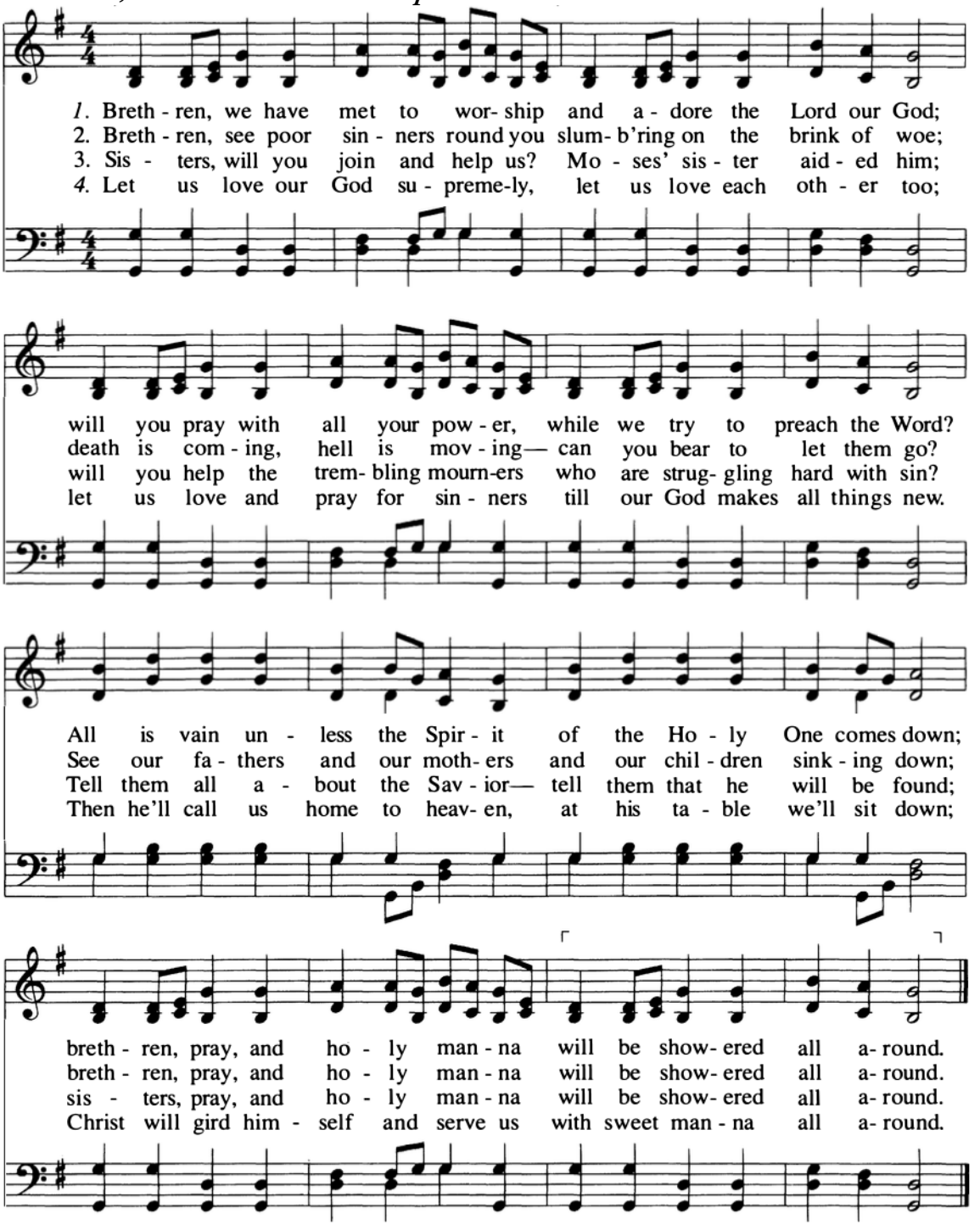
* Prayer of Invocation

* *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.

*** Please stand if you are able.**

* *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*
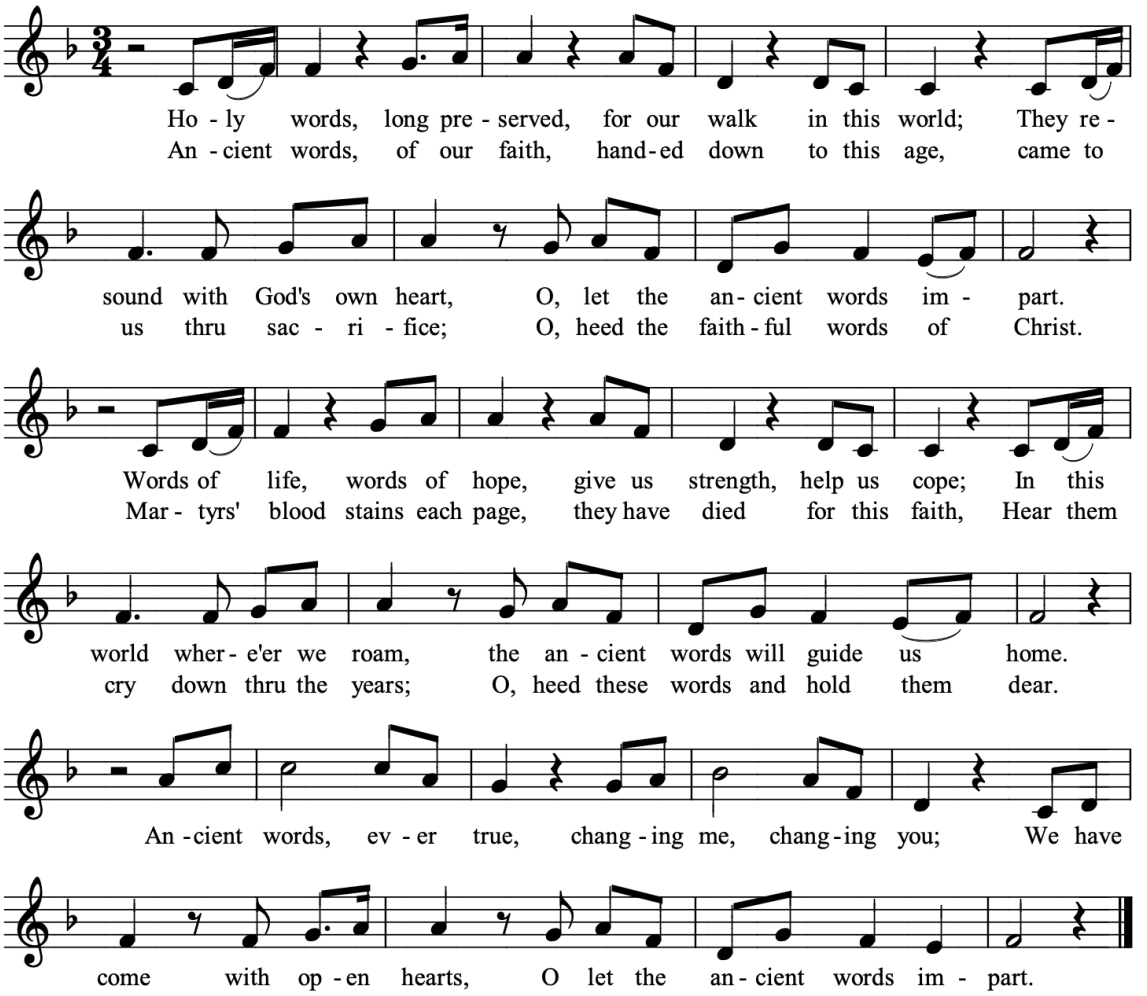


Attr. to George Atkins, 19th cent.

HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
Attr. to William Moore, 1825

* *Ancient Words*

Lynn DeShazo



Reading of the Law: *Matthew 22:37–40*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin *(Recite in Unison)*

I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

~ Heinrich Bullinger

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 34:8*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

* *Gloria Patri*

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.

The Elder's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(Recite in Unison)*

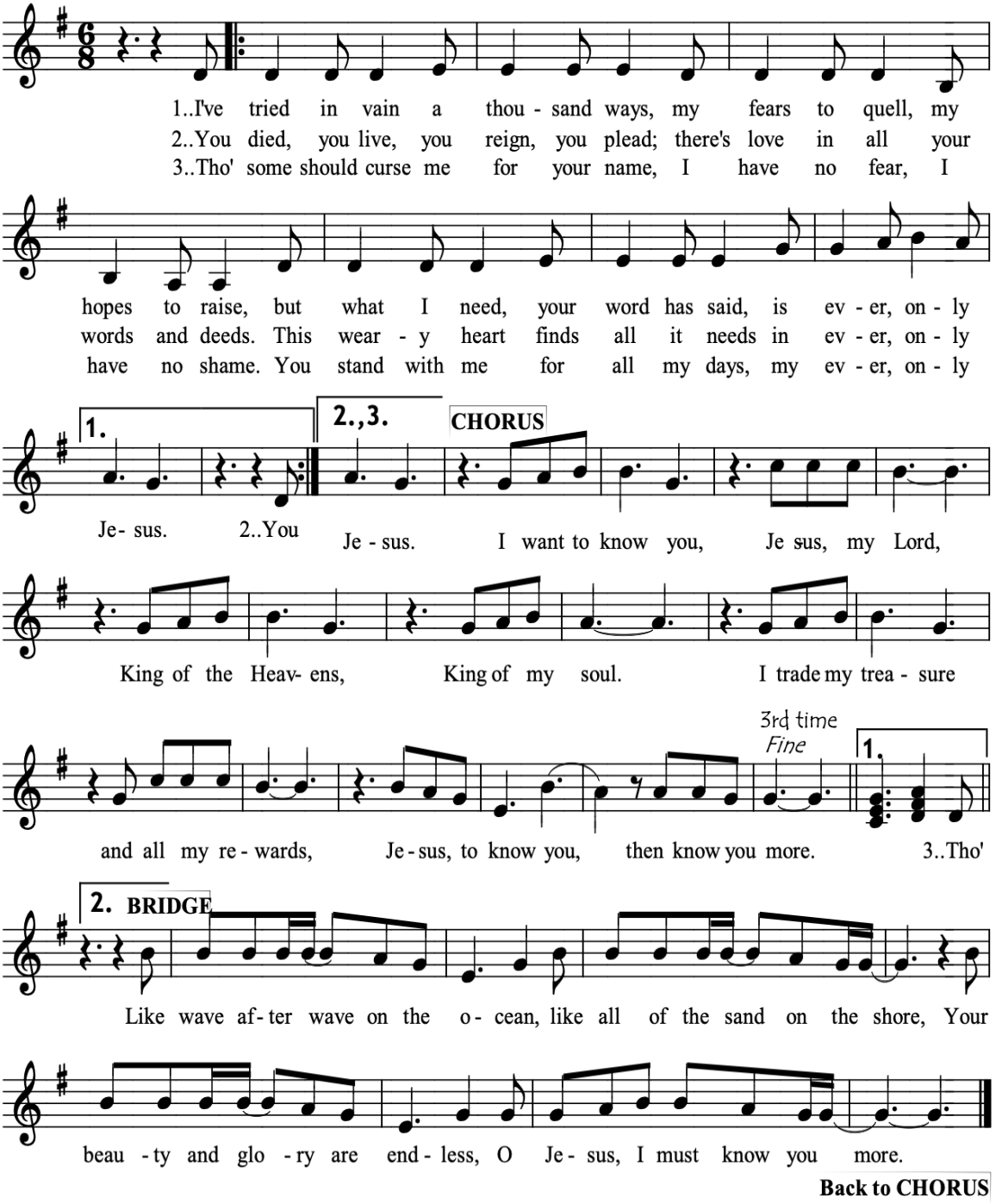
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Children's Sermon

***** Children Dismissed for Children's Bible Study*****

* *I Want to Know You*

M. Farren, J.Robinson, R.Thompson



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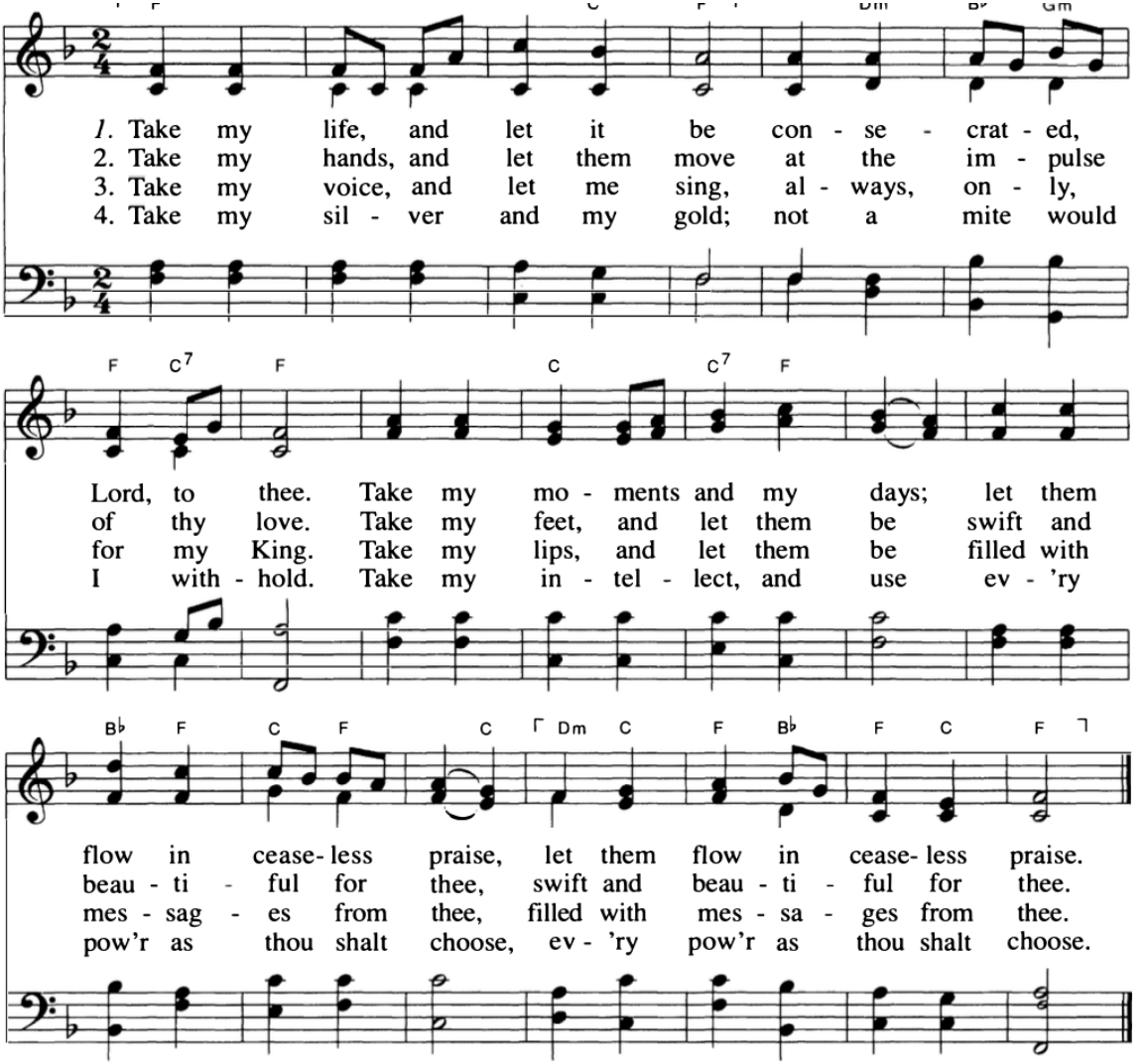
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: Anna Sasser

Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

The Preaching of God's Word

MATTHEW 14:22-33 – WATER WALKERS AND BOAT POTATOES

* *Take My Life, And Let It Be*



5. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Henri A. César Malan, 1827

*** Benediction:** ***Romans 15:13***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**** Threefold Amen***

*** Postlude & Dismissal**

Although the gathering has ended, service to Christ continues; let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, serving our Lord as His ambassadors in both the demonstration and the proclamation of the Gospel

PRAYER REQUESTS

****If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at jhartley@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109th MP Battalion

Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Childs – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

Operation World – Tajikistan

Although Islam is the religion of 94% of the population, only a small fraction practice "pure" Islam. Most are more influenced by folk superstitions and Zoroastrian beliefs. Mosques sprouted up everywhere in the years following independence, but now the government places severe restrictions on mosque building. Tajikistan's proximity to Iran and Afghanistan makes it vulnerable to Islamism. Pray for extremism to be restrained, and that Muslims might have unprecedented opportunities to discover Christ.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #24

Question: *How are these articles (The Apostles' Creed) divided?*

Answer: Into three parts: the first is of God the Father and our creation; the second, of God the Son and our redemption; the third, of God the Holy Ghost and our sanctification (1 Peter 1:2).

Father, help us to be a God-glorifying, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led, Bible-saturated, Mission-driven, and Fellowship-focused people.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper
Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on December 6.

Session
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)
Kenny Mabe (2028)
Everall Peele (2028)
Bill Robertson (2028)
Carter Combs (2029)
Pastor Brad Milks

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Ministries
Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am
Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

Stewardship – Thru September
Operational Budget
YTD Received: $208,531.14
YTD Expenses: $223,746.97
Budget YTD: -$15,215.83

Building Fund
Building Need: $117,662
Building Received: $86,353.84
Building YTD: -$31,308.16

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)
Sunday, December 6

Sign Up for Our Emails
Scan the code with your phone and sign up to receive our emails.

NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful that you have gathered with us this morning to worship the living triune God, seeing and savoring His glorious grace in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We pray you joyfully encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word. May we glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Calls for a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service on December 6, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is threefold: 1) Elect individuals for the Nominating Committee, 2) Present the 2027 budget, and 3) Present the Pastor's terms of call to be voted upon.

Staff Love Gift. We will be collecting through December 20, 2026. Please mark your check in the memo with "Staff Love Gift."

Special Thanksgiving Offering. Session asks that we prayerfully consider giving an offering, above and beyond our normal tithings and offerings. You may consider giving donations via our website, in cash/check, or in stocks/bonds. All gifts that are received will be applied directly to the principal of building loans. All donations should be labeled as "Thanksgiving Offering." This offering will take place on November 22, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad or Jennifer Shafer.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes! The collection week is November 16-23. This year will mark our 15th year being a collection site. We thank God for such a wonderful opportunity. During the service on November 22, we will pray a dedication prayer over the boxes we have received. The team needs help in the following three ways: 1) Help throughout the week of November 16 with the boxes, 2) Help on November 22 at 5:00pm to pack boxes into cartons, and 3) Help on November 23, from 9:00-11:00am to load cartons onto trucks and deliver them to Reidsville Christian. If you can help, please contact Sue Parker.

Pastor Brad's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation from November 9 to 24. If you have anything during this time, please contact a Ruling Elder. Pray for Paul Sasser and Bill Robertson as they lead the congregation in worship these weeks.

Women's Advent Study. We are pleased to announce a four-week-long Women's Advent study (*All Who Draw Near)* starting Monday, November 30, 2026. The study will be held at the Southards' home from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Jessie Southard.

Christmas Decorations. Join us on Monday, November 23, from either 10:00am-12:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm as we decorate the sanctuary and gathering area for Christmas. If you are available to help, please contact Everall Peele.

Raffle. We will raffle off six items from the Silent Auction after today's service. Please visit the Gathering Area to see these items and talk to Pat Smith for more information.