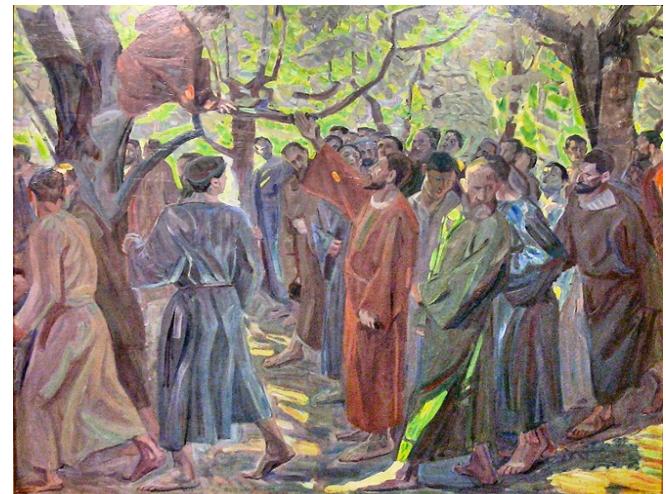




Shelbyville
First Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
With Holy Communion
21st Sunday after Pentecost
November 2, 2025**



By Niels Larsen Stevns - Own work (photo: Gunnar Bach Pedersen) (Randers Museum of Art, Randers, Denmark), Public Domain

Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

For the child of God that's far from home
The one who thinks they're too far gone
I'm throwing out another prayer in faith
Worn-out altars, tear-stained pews
Still I won't give up on you
I believe that anything can change
When somebody prays

"Somebody Prayed" written by Benjamin Glover / David Crowder / Jeff Sojka / Michael Cochren

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Two Pieces" (Franck)

Dr. Michael Hooper

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Charlotte Williams

(Please sign the "Friendship Pad" and make a note if you have a hymn request or information for the Pastor or church office.)

Sarah Natale will speak about Congregational update.

Introit

"Seed, Scattered And Sown" (arr. Gunnison & Miller)

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 146)

Charlotte Williams

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Leader: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

People: Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

Leader: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations!

All: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn**

"Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts"

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***Indicates standing for those who are able.**



***Call to Confession**

(Hebrews 2:17-18)

Leader: The Preacher said, "Therefore, Jesus had to become like His brother and sisters in every respect, so that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

People: Because He Himself was tested by what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested."

Leader: Trusting Jesus our merciful high priest who has atoned for our sins, we confess our sins to God, praying...

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Compassionate God, we have strayed from Your fold, pursued the desires of our own hearts, and not listened to Your voice. When You have called us home, we have run away instead. In Your mercy, forgive us. Draw us back to Yourself, O Holy Spirit, that we may love You with undivided heart, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray to the glory of the One Who loves perfectly us, our Master and Teacher Jesus Christ. Amen.

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

(I John 2:1-2)

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have our Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

People: And He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: Believe the good news: Being in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

A Time for Young Christians

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Connie Crafton

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Old Testament Reading****Psalm 32: 1-7**

Pages 506-507, OT Pew Bible

Anthem**"In Remembrance" (arr. Larson)**

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading**Luke 19: 1-10**

Page 82, NT Pew Bible

Sermon**"A Defining Act"**

Rev. David Sawyer

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (p.14, Hymnal)

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.

The Offertory

"On Eagle's Wings" (arr. Hayes)

Dr. Michael Hooper

***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 HOLY COMMUNION****Invitation to The Lord's Table****Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

(Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Communion of the People**Prayer*****Hymn**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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***Benediction**

(Jude 24-25)

Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

***Benediction Response**

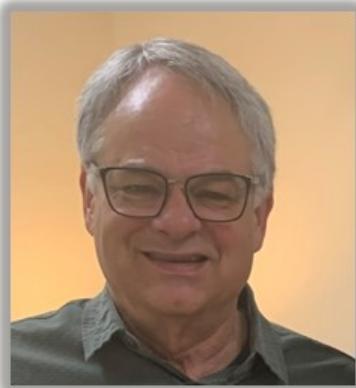
"What A Mighty God" (arr. Schrader)

Chancel Choir

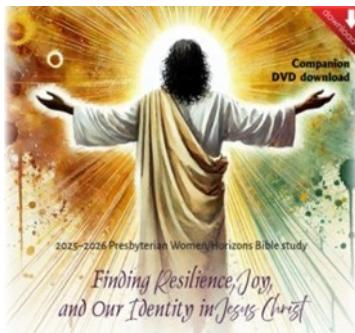
Taking out the Light of Christ***Postlude**

"All Things Are Thine" (Gardiner)

Dr. Michael Hooper



Reverend David Sawyer's father was a Presbyterian Minister and Navy Chaplain; his mother earned her PhD in Agronomy from Auburn after seeing her husband and children through college. David is married to Harriett; they celebrated 47 years this summer by going out to eat and worrying about the well-being of Moonshine, their beagle and center of their existence, while they ate. They have two children, Beth (Matt) and Wilson (Jenny), and two granddaughters (Lucy and Annelise). David was ordained in '92 and served First Presbyterian Church in Spring Hill for 26 years. David retired in 2018 and spent 3 or 4 hours trying to get used to retirement before becoming fully accustomed to that state of being.



**PW Bible Study and Fellowship will meet on
November 11th at 10:00am in the young adult room.**

Bible study will be led by Linda Anderton from our Study Book lesson 4.

Note - we are skipping forward in the book for this lesson.

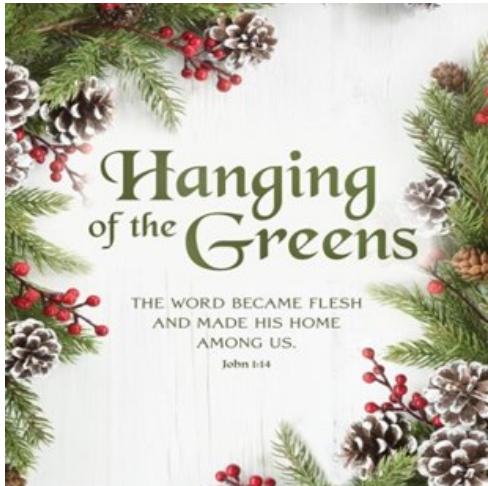
The annual thank offering will be collected at this time. The Thank Offering is collected each fall and funds projects that meet the needs of people who are aging, disabled, and homeless or displaced as well as the needs of children, youth and women through educational, health, peace and justice programs.



Reverend Mark Mueller will be filling the pulpit on Sunday, November 9th. Reverend Mueller is the Executive Director of Outreach Foundation and has many interesting stories about the ministry of Outreach.

Mark Mueller Part 2

Come for soup and sandwiches after worship service on November 9th for more of his wonderful stories from Outreach. This meal be provided, just bring your appetites and an eager ear.



"Hanging of the Greens"

Please join us immediately following
the Worship Service
on November 23rd for the

"Hanging of the Greens"
as we prepare the sanctuary for
the coming Advent Season.
Many hands make light work!!



There will be a training class open to any Elder by our Presbytery to enable them to offer communion when an ordained Pastor is not available. This training is on November 9th at 2pm via Zoom.

Please use the link below to register or contact Sarah Natale for questions.

<https://forms.gle/fDF7LeKvzMragqqQ8>



Don't forget to bring your Good Samaritan Donations on Sunday, November 9th.

Upcoming Youth Activities

November 2-9:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club Coffee Break

No Evening Youth Activity

November 9-9:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club @Coffee Break

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Youth at the Church

November 16-9:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club @Coffee Break

5:00 Youth Friendsgiving at the Church

Friends and ALL family members invited to attend

November 23 Youth Breakfast Club

Hanging of the Greens

No Afternoon Youth

***Nov. 30-NO BREAKFAST CLUB

NO YOUTH

AFTERNOON

ACTIVITIES



Stewardship Sunday will be November 9th

Letters have been mailed out,
so keep an eye out for those.

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Gift Fund Requests

The Church Gift Fund Committee is receiving requests from members of the church, groups and/or committees for disbursements from the Memorial Fund. These requests for funds will **NOT** be used in the everyday operating expenses of the church.

These requests MUST:

- ~ Be made in writing and turned into the church office
- ~ Be very specific in purpose and amount
- ~ Have NO more than one request from a particular group or individual

Each request submitted will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:

1. To provide furnishing for the church, including worship accouterments, furniture, equipment, decorations, library resources, landscaping or other items to enhance the church, its worship, its work and/or its programs.
2. To respond to special and/or unanticipated opportunities for outreach within or beyond our community.
3. To help provide support for members of our church engaged in the theological education in preparation for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Gift Fund Committee members are:

Bailey Little (Chair), Sarah Natale (Clerk of Session), Helen Garner (Session Member), Kristin Wilhelm (Session Member), Melanie Hamilton (Congregation-at-large), Richard Smith (Congregation-at-large) , Lori Smith (Mission Chair)

**Need more information, have questions...speak with a committee member or call the church office.

Request MUST be received by: Wed., Nov. 26th

Calendar

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am

Monday, November 3, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm
Pastoral Care Committee 10:00am
Faith Development Committee 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, November 6, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm
Worship & Music Committee 6:00pm

Friday, November 7, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Bring your Good Sam Donations
Youth Group 4:30-5:30 (Dinner Included)

Monday, November 10, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
Mission Committee 10:00am



November 5

Lisa Hittle

November 9

Gail Luna

November 10

Terry Saylor

November 11

Barbara Singleton

November 14

Susan Spears



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



LCDR Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Airman Caleb Fletcher (Grandson of Susan Spears)
Pvt. Oscar Taylor Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew
Airman Anna Powell (Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

Those in Military Service and their families.
Those who are serving abroad and at home.



Jenny Baker Barber (Cousin of Ginger Shofner)
Frieda Bone (Member)
Mary Brown (Member)
Donna Cox (Sister of Tommy Anderton)
Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)
Patricia Farrar (Daughter of Pat Thompson)
Carol Filczer (Sister of Angie/Church Secretary)
Bill Garner (Brother-In-Law of Helen Garner)
Cliff Garrard (Member)
Alan Gill (Brother-In-Law of Belinda Craig)
Emily Hall (Daughter of Dr. Carol Magnusson)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)

JD Idso (Son of Deann Idso)
Mike Jenne (Brother-In-Law of Raychelle Flannagan)
Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
Family & Friends of David Kee (Member)
Tony Matusek (Member)
Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)
Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)
Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)
Barbara Singleton (Member)
Barbara Steinke (Member)
Jeremiah Thomas (Grandson of Pat Thomas)
Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)
Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



SERVERS

Sunday, November 02, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Michal Dobson	Connie Crafton	Katherine Marsh
Rob Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
James & Lori Smith	Terry Saylor	Bea Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Charlotte Williams		
Communion Prep:	Frieda Bone & Susan Spears	
Communion Servers	Linda Anderton, Mary Brown, Jim Ikard	
	Sarah Natale, LeaAnn Windham	

Sunday, November 09, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Frieda Bone	Kate Canady	Belinda Craig
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Roy & Lisa Turner	James Smith	Debbie Snell
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Jim Ikard		

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Christy Jensen	Connie Crafton	MA Higgs
Sarah Natale	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Willie & Debby Snell	Lisa Turner	Katherine Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Pat Marsh		

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Brent Canady	Kate Canady	Belinda Craig
James & Lori Smith	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Charlotte Williams	Roy Turner	Lisa Turner
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Rob Marsh		



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.