



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Jefferson City, Tennessee

Organized in 1867 as The Presbyterian Church at Mossy Creek

October 2025 Newsletter

Embracing the Gift of Autumn

As the long heat of summer gives way to autumn, I find myself eager to receive the precious gift of cooler weather. Even as a child, while others stretched out in the sun, I searched for a shade tree. Honestly, the only time in my life I ever had a tan was the summer Kinney was a lifeguard at the White Pine City Pool. (And he was so worth it!) Crisp mornings awaken my spirit and bid me to notice the turning leaves—how they tumble down to rest in a swirl of fall colors. My dogs, Moses and Miriam, notice the change in the air, too. Miriam, in particular, has a spring in her step that often leads to the “zoomies.” This is always an interesting experience, since I happen to be on the other end of her leash.

While I am grateful for the rush of summer activities that bring family and friends together—cookouts, picnics, kayaking, hiking, gathering around bonfires—by this time of year, I’m ready to slow down and walk more gently through my days.

In this season, creation seems to whisper an invitation: to breathe deeply, to listen closely, to notice beauty, to let go of what no longer serves us, and to trust in God’s rhythms of change and renewal. The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it simply: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Perhaps autumn’s greatest gift is the gentle reminder that change can be holy. The trees do not cling to their leaves in fear of the coming cold—they let go, trusting in the cycle of life that God has woven into the fabric of creation. This begs the question: What might we need to release this season in order to make room for rest, healing, or growth?

May this autumn be a time of gratitude and peace for us all, reminding us that God’s presence is not only in the bright blossoms of spring or the warm days of summer, but also in the cool air, the falling leaves, and the quiet promise that new life will come again.



Grace & Peace,
Dr. Glenda Hollingshead

World Communion Sunday
October 5th at 10:45 a.m.



In honor of World Communion Sunday, we are having a Lessons & Carols-style service led by FPC's Sanctuary Choir & Musicians. Together, we'll celebrate the Bread of Heaven through Scripture, song, and Holy Communion, uniting with Christians around the globe at Christ's Table. Afterward, we will enjoy "Breads & Spreads" in the Fellowship Hall.



OFFICE CLOSED

HEATHER IS ON VACATION OCTOBER 6-10.

PLEASE NOTE BULLETINS FOR BOTH OCTOBER 5 & 12
WILL BE PRINTED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

different brews



different views

PUB THEOLOGY

BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD

all perspectives welcome



Saturday, October 11th at
1:00 p.m. at 1907 Brewing
Company. Let's gather
around tables to share
different brews and views.

Founders' Day-Kirkin' of the Tartans *Sunday, October 12*

On Founder's Day, October 12th, we will celebrate the Kirkin' of the Tartans to honor the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church. Many plaid/tartan patterns of our church family will be displayed. You may want to wear your "colors" - tartan cloths, scarves, ties, or kilts - or other plaids or patterns to honor those who are dear to you. Bagpiper, Arie Brown, will be with us, and we will have a Potluck Luncheon afterward.

All are welcome!

Men's BREAKFAST



Tuesday, October 14
at 8:00 a.m.

Perkins in Dandridge



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
721 CHURCH STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, TN

CHURCH STREET CAFE

October 14th 4:30-6:00 p.m.



@fpcjeffcity.org

First Presbyterian Church Threads of Friendship Women's Group

A warm, welcoming space for all women of the church-where every thread, whether yarn or conversation, weaves us closer together. Whether you knit, crochet, craft, or simply want to connect, you're invited to be part of the gathering. Can't make it in person? Connect with us via Zoom. Come, share a laugh or two, and be part of something meaningful.

Friday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m.
Church Parlor
(Be sure to bring your own beverage.)

Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 18
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We are asking church family and friends to donate ONE hour to accomplish a variety of inside and outside tasks.

Make plans to join the fun!





PIZZA & PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AFTER WORSHIP

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ALL *Saints'* DAY

During our November 2nd Worship Service we will celebrate All Saints' Day. It is a day when Christ's people remember those who have gone before them in faith and who now dwell with God in heaven. It is a day to remember people who, while they walked the earth, strived to be faithful, and in their faithfulness, touched our lives in a special way.

Take a moment to consider those saints who shared your life, and who have died and entered the Church Triumphant in the last year. Please send those names to the church office by Monday, October 27th, if you wish for them to be recognized during the worship service.

November 2, 2025

FALL BACK

Don't forget to send your clock
back one hour

Contemplative Worship Service



Step away from the noise of daily life and enter a sacred space of prayer, silence, and song. Our first Contemplative Worship Service is planned for Sunday, November 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. During our time together, we will draw on ancient practices to help us rest in God's Spirit. Come as you are-bring your longings, your hopes, your questions-and rest in the holy presence of God.

Adulting Together Ministry You're Invited!

For adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s

Our next Adulting Together Ministry event is on Sunday, November 30th. Parents are invited to leave their children at church, where they will be fed and entertained, while the adults head to Knoxville for lunch and a little fun of their own. Whether you're single, married, with kids, or without - come connect, relax, and grow in community.

Missions

Just a reminder, the September Mission focus was the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness offering, that we will collect on World Communion Sunday, October 5. Please be generous!

Each congregation may retain 25% of the offering collected to support peacemaking efforts in their local communities. Your Mission and Creation Care Committee has decided the recipient will be HOLA Lakeway, a nonprofit organization serving immigrant and multicultural families in rural East Tennessee. HOLA provides programs that promote education, equity, and belonging, including youth tutoring and literacy support, adult ESL and workforce readiness, family engagement, and mental health initiatives like art therapy. To date, HOLA has supported nearly 10,000 families, continuing its mission to build opportunity, foster belonging, and create stronger, more inclusive communities.

The Mission Focus for October is our Emergency Community Support Fund. This fund is used to help those in urgent need of assistance with utilities in our community. The fund has less than \$1,500 left in it. Please contribute, as you are able. All funds are sent directly to the utility, not to individuals or families. Donations should be sent to Heather in the church office, or placed in the offering plate, marked ECSF. Thank you!

Prayer request: The Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity requests prayers for JCHF volunteers and staff to continue to accomplish their mission of building affordable housing and providing security and safe living arrangements to our elderly/disabled population. They continue to ask for prayers for their homeowners who are striving to provide a better life for their families.

Please contact chair Carol Antoniewicz or any other member of the committee (Del Deaton, Jessica Evans, and Linda Noonkesser) with any ideas or comments you have on Mission or Creation Care.



A "Save the Planet" Moment brought to you by Creation Care

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table." -Luke 16:19-21

Two thousand years after Jesus told this parable the inequality between the rich and the poor is even more scandalous. With modern agricultural knowledge and good stewardship of natural resources, the earth can produce enough food to feed all of its population. What it can't do is feed the entire population at the level of wasteful extravagance some live today. By eating lower on the food chain and eating food that is grown more sustainably we free up resources for more people to be fed. This week, shop at a farmer's market, switch a conventional purchase to an organic one (e.g. organic milk instead of non-organic), eat a few more vegetarian meals, or choose popcorn, dried fruit, or nuts for a simple snack instead of a highly packaged and processed treat. © The Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.

Save the date for Friday, October 24 for the paper shredding and glass collection event. (Donations to help offset the cost would be appreciated.) Please plan to bring both your papers that need to be shredded, and your clean glass bottles and jars! All colors, without lids, please. You do not need to remove labels. The glass will be taken to the Blount County recycling center, where they will crush it to put into their asphalt and road paint. Better than putting the glass into the landfill!

Also in October: The annual Household Hazardous Waste collection event at the Jefferson County Landfill will be on Saturday, October 18, 8am - noon. Bring all your leftover household chemicals, lawn and garden products and automotive materials that you want to dispose of safely. See the list that was advertised in the Standard Banner, or at this URL:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/environment/program-areas/solid-waste/materials-management/hhw-program/hhw-acceptable-unacceptable-items.html>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Jackson Drees Ted & Beth Folsom	4
5 Communion Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. World Communion Sunday Breads & Spreads 12:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11 Pub Theology 1:00 p.m.
	Heather Out/Office Closed					
				Troy & Jessica Evans	Kent Clouser	
12 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartans/Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Church Street Café 4:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Threads of Friendship 2:00 p.m. Whitney Drees Carol Antoniewicz	18 Fall Work Day 9:00 a.m.- 12:00p.m.
19 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Session Zoom 7:00 p.m.	20 Abby Reagan	21 David Noonkesser	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 Jessica Evans	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31 Kylie Drees	

Prayer Concerns

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

John Zirkle, who passed away on Monday, September 15

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Arlene Peck Bill Vest Doug Moses Jama Seahorn Neal Beck

The health and wellbeing of our country and those who live within its borders

Members of the military & their families

Peace in Ukraine, The Holy Land, and other war-torn nations

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Theo Allen Coppock, great grandson of the Harlans, who was born prematurely

Kent Clouser, who is having health issues

Angelia Ramsey, wife of Jim Deaton's friend, James, who has cancer

Sue Swilley, who is recovering from a surgical procedure

Marjorie Helton, Libby Gardner's sister, who is undergoing chemotherapy

Margy King, who is having several health issues

Kris Ridyard, who is undergoing immunotherapy

Paul Sorey, Linda Noonkesser's brother

Jane Sorey, Linda Noonkesser's sister-in-law



BE PATIENT, THEN,
BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
UNTIL THE LORD'S COMING.

JAMES 5:7, NIV

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME
SEPTEMBER TOTAL: \$10,130

YTD ACTUAL INCOME YEAR-TO-DATE
(YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES

	ACTUAL	PRORATED	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$158,669	\$143,425*	\$151,315
EXPENSES	\$152,848		\$167,994

ACTUAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$5,821
YTD PRORATED INCOME OVER EXPENSES: (\$9,423)

SOME MEMBERS PAY THEIR ENTIRE YEARLY PLEDGES IN JANUARY. THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT WHAT ACTUAL GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER WOULD BE, IF COMPLETED YEARLY PLEDGES, WERE DIVIDED OUT MONTHLY.

SPECIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

MEMORIALS FOR JOHN ZIRKLE
FIVE CENTS A MEAL
CHURCH STREET CAFE
PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS



*The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to form disciples
who are invested in reflecting the love of Christ Jesus to the world.*

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