

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE
ARMED FORCES SABBATH
STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

November 9, 2025

10:30 am



Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God.

Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Joyful Spirit"

Valerie Stevenson

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Handbell Choir

WELCOME & GREETING

The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today in worship and we encourage you to register your attendance by using your phone to scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin (under the Attendance heading) or to complete a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Barbara Nunn

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we feel spiritually homeless, where can we turn for help?

ALL: Our help is in the grace of God.

One: When we are imprisoned in our suffering, where can we turn for solace?

ALL: Our solace is in the mercy of Christ.

One: When we are trapped in the grip of misfortune, where can we turn for strength?

ALL: Our strength is in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One: Come! Let us worship God, our guide and guardian.

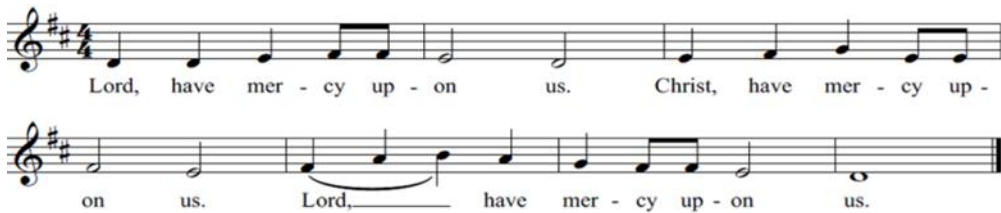
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in this and every age, so many have given so much of themselves for the benefit of others—those serving in times of war and in times of so-called peace. Yet, we confess that in our daily lives we forget that you call all of us to meet the needs and protect the rights of others. Help us remember that it is you who are calling to be fed, to be given drink, to be welcomed in love, to be clothed, to be cared for when sick, to be visited when in prison. Help us to remember that when there is need, it is your voice that is calling us to give. In your mercy, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to you. Give us courage to follow you by serving others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #581)

**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to all* commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*"all" is a substitute for "men and women."

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alison Weaver

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We pray that God's merciful blessings will abide with Connie Jeffus as she joins our congregation by Profession of Faith and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Billy Szendrey is serving as the Elder Representative.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

One: *Do we, as Christ's body, the Church, promise to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and to include Connie in our caring by surrounding her with our love and prayers whether she is near or far from us, so that she will know she is a part of God's community of love and forgiveness?*

ALL: **We do, with God's help.**

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Arr. Gwyneth Walker

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My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though distant song
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it's living!
What though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it's giving!
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since I believe that love abides,
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble when they hear
the bells of freedom ringing
when friends rejoice both fall and near
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell, in dungeon dark
Our thoughts to them are ringing
When friends hold courage in their heart
How can I keep from singing?

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

1 Peter 4:7-11

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-18

SERMON

"Onesiphorus"

Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 840

"When Peace Like A River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rise in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Ken Rigoulot or serving as our liturgist.

Call to Worship by B.J. Beu from Ministry Matters, October 2, 2022: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost viewed at <https://ministrymatters.com/~searchResults?s=2+Timothy+1%3A1-14>

Why Poppies on Veterans Day?

*In Flanders field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

... John McCrae

Please wear your poppy pin proudly.
Thanks to Suzanne Rowntree for making these
poppy pins.

STAYING CONNECTED

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings. Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR code below.



ATTENDANCE

- (1) "Check in" with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.



Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Sunday, November 9, 12:00 pm Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 9, 12:00 pm Celebration Lunch
- Monday, November 10, 6:30 pm PW Bible Study & Dinner (Rigoulot Home)
- Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
- Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 pm Visitor & Welcome Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday, November 12, 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
- Wednesday, November 12, 11:30 am All Ladies Lunch
- Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 13, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, November 13, 6:00 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 13, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your email for "Narthex News."



SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Multigenerational Craft time will take place next Sunday, November 16 in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 – 10:15. Come together with our church family to create Advent décor for our church.



Ladies, it's Lunch Time!

Wednesday, November 12, Olive Garden. Please RSVP to Debby at dcw549@gmail.com or Marlynn at marspar@hotmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregation meeting for Sunday, November 16, 2025, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to act on recommendations from the nominating committee to elect our new church officers. For the Board of Session: Lucia Shipley, Shannon Pritchett, Deb Hinton, Rick Walsh, Karen Trost, Miles Davis (2 year term); for the Board of Deacons: Kim Jones, Kathy Longo, Sue Szendrey (1 year term), Shelly Morey (1 year term).