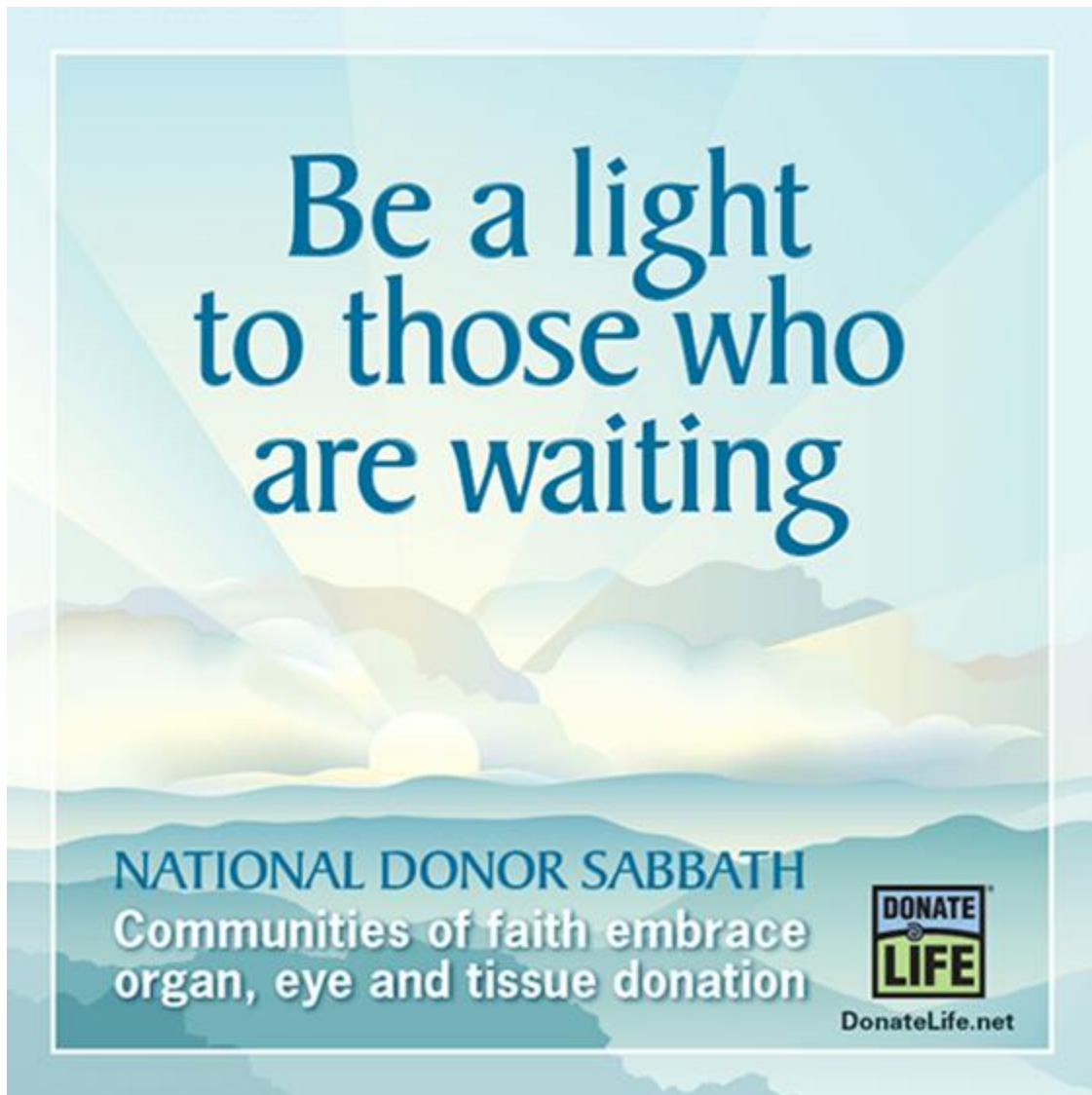




First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn: "God, Each Day You Give is Precious" (insert)
Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 12

Surely God is our salvation;

we will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is our strength and our might;

God has become our salvation.

* Hymn 362

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,

but we remain silent in the presence of evil.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,

but we are content to live in separation.

You call us to seek the good of all,

but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,

but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,

and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (598)

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

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Amen, amen. Amen, amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Moment of Recognition

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6 (OT, p. 641)

Psalter: Psalm 98 (Hymnal 276, p. 551)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Bell Peal on Old Hundredth”

arr. Linda Lamb

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-19 (NT, p. 85)

Sermon: “Before the Happy Ending”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for the Gift of Life

Offering

Offertory "How Great Thou Art" arr. Robert Hobby

- * Response (698)

***Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty" arr. John Leavitt

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

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- * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Anna Marsh by her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Diane Scheuer
Guest Speaker	Kathy Rowinski, Hospital Services Coordinator, Gift of Life

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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

New Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Bible Study

This Wednesday, November 13, we will continue the series, "New Testament Connections." Each week, we will use a different lens to understand how the New Testament emerges out of the Old Testament context using timelines, maps, world history, and other tools. We meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 206.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

- **Please pray for:** Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Timothy, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, family of Lee Wirth, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue, Renee, Wendy, Gretchen, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Jim, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, family of Dick Maurer, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Terry B., Chris.

Let's Make Wreaths and Share Some Cheer!

The Deacons will sponsor a get together to make Christmas wreaths for our church members in nursing care facilities. We'd love for you to join us! Having a wreath on their door means so much. We will meet on Sunday, November 16, right after Coffee Hour in Room 111 (former Youth Room) to create some beautiful wreaths together. All materials will be provided, but if you have a glue gun, please bring it along to help with assembly. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Shane at 570-840-7521.

November Food Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring a November Food Drive to serve the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place. During the season of Thanksgiving, please help feed those in need within our community. Donations will be accepted throughout November. Any non-perishable items are appreciated, such as cereal, oatmeal, pasta, sauce, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, etc.

On November 16 we will observe National Donor Sabbath.

As you enter the Narthex, you will see a "Threads of Love" Donor Memorial Quilt. You are invited to take some time with the quilt, noting those organ donors memorialized by this quilt.

Each year, National Donor Sabbath is observed two weekends before Thanksgiving Day. The concept behind this day is to unite different people of different religions, while learning how to save a life by donating vital organs to those in need. Time is taken to talk about the importance and public need of saving lives through organ and tissue donation. Today's speaker is Kathy Rowinski, Hospital Services Coordinator, Gift of Life.

Organ donation transfers life to others so that the recipient has the chance of a full, long life, free of diseased organs such as kidneys, hearts, and even eyes. These organs are

donated by the families of loved ones who pass away in accidents or other health issues with their organs intact, thus giving people with organ problems a second chance at life. Everyone can sign up as an organ donor no matter what their health status. Register at **donors1.org**.

From the Quilters: We have made so many sleeping bags that we are running out of appropriate stuffing materials. We can use any of the following: Blankets, Comforters, Throws, Bedspreads, Mattress pads, Fleece, And of course, **TIES!** (We use four ties as handles on each sleeping bag.) Items can be left in Room 100. Thank you!

Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland



We have a couple of remaining seats open to join the 23 members of the church family who have registered for our church's journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, the trip will take our Presbyterians to Dublin, Galway, and spots in between. Brochures are available in the narthex. Witte Travel of Grand Rapids is organizing an extraordinary trip for us. Reach out to **Rev. Bill Carter** or Jamie Strong with questions.

God, Each Day You Give is Precious

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God, each day you give is precious; it's a joyful thing to live!
We are stewards of the wonders of these bodies that you give.
In our heartbeats, in our breathing, in our walking, in our sight,
We are blessed to be a blessing, and your grace is our delight.

We are grateful for the vision of the ones who have prepared:
Who have made the firm decision that, in death, life must be shared,
For when earthly bodies fail them, as they're welcomed into heaven,
Others here will know a blessing from the life these saints have given.

God, we thank you for the families who, in saying their good-byes,
Seek to end their neighbors' suffering, giving hope and changing lives —
And for resurrection glory, we give thanks and praises, too.
Death can never end our story, for you'll make us whole and new.

We are made to make a difference, we are made to laugh and dance,
So we thank you for each person who receives a second chance.
For they know that life is precious; they can see another dawn.
They are blessed to be a blessing as the joy of life goes on.

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A Special Invitation. Today we celebrate Nancy Owens who has retired after serving our church as administrative assistant for the past 36 years. Rev. Bill has described her as our “go-to person on all church matters.” After worship, we invite all to join us downstairs for a recognition of Nancy’s administrative ministry. We are grateful for her decades of hard work and delighted that she remains a vital part of our church family. Join us in thanking her for a job well done!

Welcome to Joy Albright, who has begun working as our new administrative assistant. We look forward to introducing her to the congregation on an upcoming Sunday. Be sure to stop by the church office during weekdays and introduce yourself to her.

Give Thanks for the Norton Fund - Established by our Session many years ago, our Norton Fund has provided helpful assistance to those in our church family who have experienced financial difficulties. Whether folks have lost jobs, struggled with unanticipated expenses, or found the cupboard to be bare, our church has often provided short-term assistance. Our loose plate offering on Sunday, November 23 will benefit this fund. Please give generously! And if you know of anyone who could be helped quietly and with discretion, ask them to speak with Rev. Carter or Bill Farrell, our Norton Fund chair.



Holiday decorating after church - In order to have the church decorated for the first Sunday of Advent, this year we will stay after worship on Sunday, November 23, enjoy a soup luncheon, and then decorate the sanctuary. We will put up and decorate the trees, get out the nativities, decorate the window sills, and put up all those wreaths. Fun for all! We hope you can come and join in. If you are able to make a crockpot of soup to share, please text or call Robin Pinches (570-878-3293) or Jan Thyren (570-881-4979).

Christmas Poinsettias will be ordered soon.

Price is \$10 per pot, and the deadline to order is Sunday, November 23.

Please complete this form and forward it along with payment to the church. (Checks are payable to “First Presbyterian Church”.)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of poinsettias: _____ @ \$10 each. Total amount enclosed: _____

Dedication: In memory/In honor of: _____

I will take my poinsettias. _____.

Poinsettias can be taken Sunday, December 7.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 16

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11:15 a.m., Wreath making Room 111
- 1:00p.m., Memorial Service, Dick Maurer
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

Monday, November 17

- 6 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

Tuesday, November 18

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, November 19

- 9 a.m., Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study, Library (Room 206)
- 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8:00 p.m., Bell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 20

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast
- 2 p.m., Sr. Games Day, Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

Friday, November 21

Saturday, November 22

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, November 23

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11:15 a.m., Soup lunch and decorating for Advent and Christmas
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- **Deadline** for Poinsettia orders

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