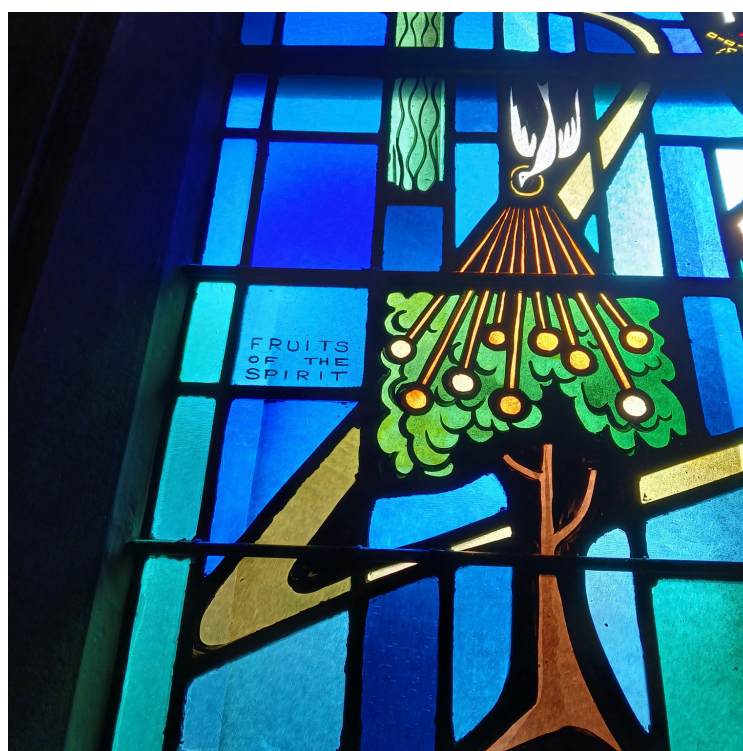




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THE LORD'S DAY
September 13, 2026 – 10:45 AM

Greeter
Pastor
Liturgist
Substitute Accompanist
Nursery
Children's Message
Deacon of the Day
Deacon of the Month

Karen Patterson
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
Terry Cooper
Sharon Nystrom
Ruth Reither & Carol Houck
Denise Christman
Ken Stitt
Mary Jane Fay

WELCOME.....Pastor Janet
*(Please fill out the friendship book on the side of the pew and pass it down.
Newcomers also please fill out a welcome card from the pew and put in the offering plate,
so that we know your name and have your contact information.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Terry Cooper
CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Congregation stands as able.
(Amen not sung at the end of hymns.)*

PRELUDE - "Prelude in D flat major"Frederic Chopin

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 133:1&4.....Terry Cooper
One: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
All: For there the LORD bestows his blessings, even life forevermore.

*(Please have children come to the front pulpit-side pew
by the start of the last verse of the response below.)*

*OPENING HYMN - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation".....#557

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Denise Christman
(Infant-8 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs.)

SPECIAL MUSIC –.....Erin Slagle
"Be Thou My Vision"arr. Susan W. Henry

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Pastor Janet

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your steadfast kindness endures forever, but our kindness is neither steadfast nor enduring. Although we may muster up a brief act of kindness to be on display to a random stranger, we are apt to be unkind in our closest circles of households, workplaces, neighborhoods, and churches. In these relationships our words may not be careful and kind, but cutting and harsh. They come out casually without thought or remorse. Holy Spirit, convict us while these thoughts are still in our minds and before they are spoken or acted upon. Stop us from sinning. Save us from ourselves that others may be spared from our unkindness. Then when we ignore the guidance of the Holy Spirit by acting unkindly, humble us to ask forgiveness, as we do now. Amen. *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Terry Cooper

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EPISTLE Colossians 3:12.....Terry Cooper

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

SERMON TEXT

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:17-32.....Pastor Janet

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. ²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

One: The word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON - "Kindness: An Attribute of the Fruit of Love".....Pastor Janet

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE - "There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy“.....#115

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Terry Cooper

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven & 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, died, and was buried; he descended to 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings.....Terry Cooper

OFFERTORY –Sharon Nystrom

"The Gift of Love"Mary Kay Ball

*DOXOLOGY - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.....Pastor Janet

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

*SENDING HYMN – "He Lives:.....#299

*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Janet
*POSTLUDE – “Hornpipe (Finale)”.....George F. Handel

Thanks to Sharon Nystrom as substitute accompanist this morning.

After worship all are invited to Calvin Hall to attend the annual **Church Picnic**.

ATTENTION!

WHO: All FPC Covenant Partners, in person & visibly online,
are counted in quorum and able to vote.
WHAT: Special Congregational Meeting
WHY: One Action on Proposed Updated Bylaws
to enable restructuring to move into God’s vision for our future.
Bylaws are available at each church entrance as of today Sept. 6
WHEN: Immediately After Worship on Sept. 20
WHERE Calvin Hall
Questions: Email or deposit a note in the basket, paper available in the
basket

A New Church Directory will be available after the Meeting Vote
and during weeks following from a security deacon at the door or the office.

THE FIRST REHEARSAL FOR THE CHANCEL CHOIR will be Thursday September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. As part of the leadership team, all who profess that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life are welcome. Please join us to sing praises to the Trinity!

In Christ's service, Randy Curtis

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Media Team needs volunteers. No experience necessary!
Please contact Terri Deist for more information.

RALLY DAY AT FPC

Join us Sunday, September 20th to kick off our Fall Christian Education opportunities. All ages are invited for a full breakfast, introduction to educational programs, singing, and guided tours of the classrooms. Come celebrate the start of a new season of learning during the week and on Sundays, fellowship, and growth. We look forward to seeing you in Calvin Hall at 9:30 am. *(No Sunday school)*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS on a regular schedule Tuesday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Tim Eckhardt will lead the study JOSHUA "The Power of God's Promises." All men are welcome.

ROOT INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Printed lists of needed items are available on the donation box in the rear vestibule. Please help yourself to one and thank you in advance for your donations.

If you are looking for something to donate for ROOT, the contents of a hygiene kit was suggested by Becky Vogan.

****Contents could include toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth and soap.**

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28 be aware of two projects taking place here at FirstPres. The east side roof is schedule to be replaced. Calvin Hall floor is scheduled to be replaced. As such Calvin Hall will be unavailable during this time.

Multi-Generational Evening for youth in grade 6 through adults

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday starting September 20

5:00 p.m. All Worship in Chapel

@5:30 p.m. Small Groups

6:00 p.m. Activity

6:30-7:00 p.m. All Gather for a Closing Meal/Calvin Hall

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Willingness to pray in all situations

GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY REQUEST for September

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Bag of Rice #1

Canned Vegetable

SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars, ladies, for the soup & salad luncheon on Saturday, September 19th at noon in Calvin Hall. We will meet “Mrs. Noah” and hear her take on that whole ark thing! A biblical portrayal of “Mrs. Noah: A Woman’s Point of View of the Great Flood” presented by LuAnne Baker from Commodore, PA will be our program. Food will be provided. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. This gathering is open to all women of First Presbyterian Church and their guests. Please let us know if you will be joining us by filling out the tear-off below and putting it in the offering plate so we know how much food to prepare.

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 9/13	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School/Chapel
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Church picnic/Calvin Hall
Monday, 9/14	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00 p.m.	Session Mtg./Conference Rm.
Wednesday, 9/16	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	G-5/Pastors Study
Thursday, 9/17	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study Conference Rm.
	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Friday, 9/18	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Saturday, 9/19	12:00 noon	PW Soup & Salad/Calvin Hall
Sunday, 9/20	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Mission Mtg./Conference Rm.
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Rally Day Breakfast/Calvin Hall
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Congregational Vote/Calvin Hall
	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Multi-Generational Gathering

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon Series – thru September

<u>Sin Displaced</u>	-	<u>By the Fruit of:</u>
Fear		Love
Despair		Joy
Hostility		Peace
Exasperation		Patience
Cruelty		Kindness
Evil		Goodness
Disloyalty		Faithfulness
Harshness		Gentleness
Unrestraint		Self-Control