



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of a Covenant Order
of Evangelical Presbyterians
323 Main Street, Greenville, PA



"He it is who, as the Son of God, upholds all things, and yet as Mary's son lay in the manger, needing to be nourished at His mother's breast, even while He was Himself sustaining the whole world."

~Karl Barth, Church Dogmatics IV/1

THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - 10:45 AM

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE- "Sonatina"Jiri Antonin Benda

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: O Lord, we call to You; come quickly to us.

All Voices: Hear our voices when we cry out to You.

One Voice: May our prayers rise before You like incense.

All Voices: May the lifting up of our hands be like the evening sacrifice.

One Voice: Come, let us worship the Lord with our hearts lifted in prayer and praise.

All Voices: We worship the Lord, who hears and receives us.

CONVENING PRAYER

*HYMN – “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

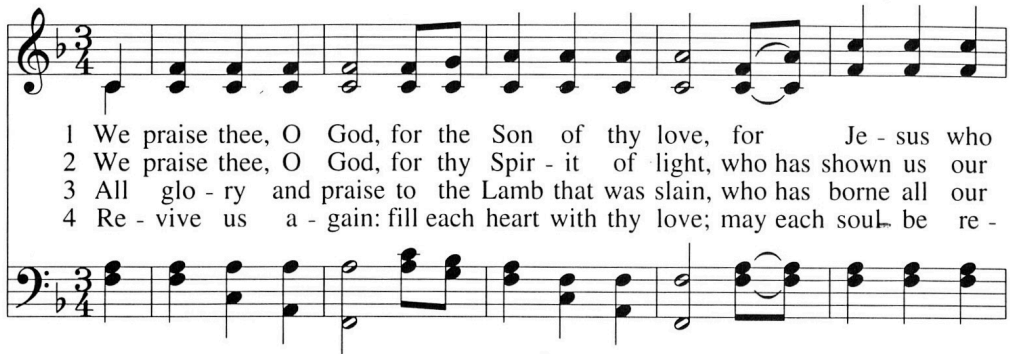
You created all things through Christ, and by Him all things are held together. Yet we confess that we often live as though our lives depend on us alone. We forget Your sustaining power, we rely on our own strength, and we fail to trust You with our burdens.

Forgive us for not honoring Christ as Lord of creation and Lord of our lives. Forgive us for neglecting His reconciling work in our relationships and in our world. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may live in Christ, rooted and built up in Him, giving thanks in all things. In the name of Jesus, our Creator and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.


*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – “Revive Us Again”

Kids please come forward for the children’s message during the final vs



1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who
2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light, who has shown us our
3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our
4 Re - vive us a - gain: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be re -



Refrain
died and is now gone a - bove.
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; Hal - le -
sins, and has cleansed ev - ery stain.
kin - dled with fire from a - bove.



lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; re - vive us a - gain.

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....John Forbes
CHOIR ANTHEM –Chancel Choir
“It Is Well With My Soul”.....arr. Cindy Berry

SERVICE OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Elder Michele Groover

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament – Proverbs 8:22-31

The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;
I was appointed from eternity,
from the beginning, before the world began.
When there were no oceans, I was given birth,
when there were no springs abounding with water;
before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
before he made the earth or its fields
or any of the dust of the world.
I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
Then I was the craftsman at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

Gospel – John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

PREACHING TEXT

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

One Voice: The word of the Lord!

All Voices: Thanks be to God!

SERMON – “The Maker and The Maintainer”.....Ben Claypool

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING - God's Tithes/Our Offerings

OFFERTORY – "Gavotte"G.F. Handel

*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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*SENDING HYMN – “Take My Life and Let it Be”

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
 MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

HENDON
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation Standing*

Director of Music Ministries
Randall Curtis



FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL this morning are dedicated to
the glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Janice L. Anderson,
who passed away last Sunday, September 7, 2025
given by Kerry Overfield.

SERVING TODAY in the church nursery (infant and toddler childcare)

10:00 AM – Janice Harbison & Kaye Williams

NEXT SUNDAY 10:45 AM – Sue Blum & Paulla Johnson

GREETER TODAY Dan & Sue Wilson

NEXT SUNDAY Karen Shilling

Musical Variety Concert

Next Saturday September 20, 2025 @ 3pm

Featuring: The Bravura Quintet

Jane Gregg on the violin

Randall Curtis on the Sanctuary organ

Come and enjoy a variety of music from classical to modern.

Free to the public. No tickets required.

NEW COVENANT PARTNER CLASS

Are you interested in joining our church or learning more about ECO and our community? Our **New Covenant Partner Class** will be held on **September 28 and October 5** at 9:30 a.m. in Calvin Hall with an opportunity to **join the church on Sunday, October 19**.

COLLECTION FOR ROOT INTERNATIONAL'S deadline is September 28. Thank you for your supports with their work with the Navaho, Mexico and El Paso.

ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE AGE COMMITTEE, we would like to have updated addresses for college age students in our church family. Please submit updated addresses to Sue Blum in the church office by so that we may reach out to send notes of encouragement. Thank you!

Be sure and checkout the new **bulletin board** in the First Presbyterian Church Main Street Narthex. The purpose is to communicate what is happening at FPC and the Greenville area. This bulletin board is in addition to one that is at the parking lot entrance. If you wish to include information on the bulletin board, be sure and check with Sue Blum, FPC's Office Manager.

This Week

Sunday, September 14	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Monday, September 15	9:00 a.m. Kids of the Kingdom
Tuesday, September 16	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
	1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. PW Soup & Salad gathering
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, September 17	9:00 a.m. Kids of the Kingdom
	6:30 p.m. CTP Mtg.
Thursday, September 18	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study/ Calvin Hall
	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 19	9:00 a.m. Kids of the Kingdom
Saturday, September 20	Rivers of Life Presby Mtg./ Vandergrift, PA
	3:00 p.m. Music Concert/Sanctuary
Sunday, September 21	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
	4:00 p.m. Kids 24/7
	6:00 p.m. Kids 612

Deadline for announcements for Sunday's bulletin-Wednesday by noon
Next deadline for the Bell Tower – 20th of every month

GOOD SHEPHERD REQUEST for the month of September is:
Pancake mix & syrup, bag of rice 1#, canned vegetables

939 PRAYER PARTNER
Suggested prayer focus – Good health

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Ben Claypool-Associate Pastor

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday	Off

Susan Blum-Office Manager

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dan Dibble – Head Custodian

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

