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PRAYER GROUP

Our intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Prayer Room on the 2nd floor of the educational wing at 11:30 AM on Thursdays to pray for the needs of church members, friends and loved ones of the church family, and others in our community and around the world. Anyone is welcome to participate any week. Prayers may be silent or spoken. Do you have someone to add to our first responder prayer list? Please share their name with Pastor Jon.

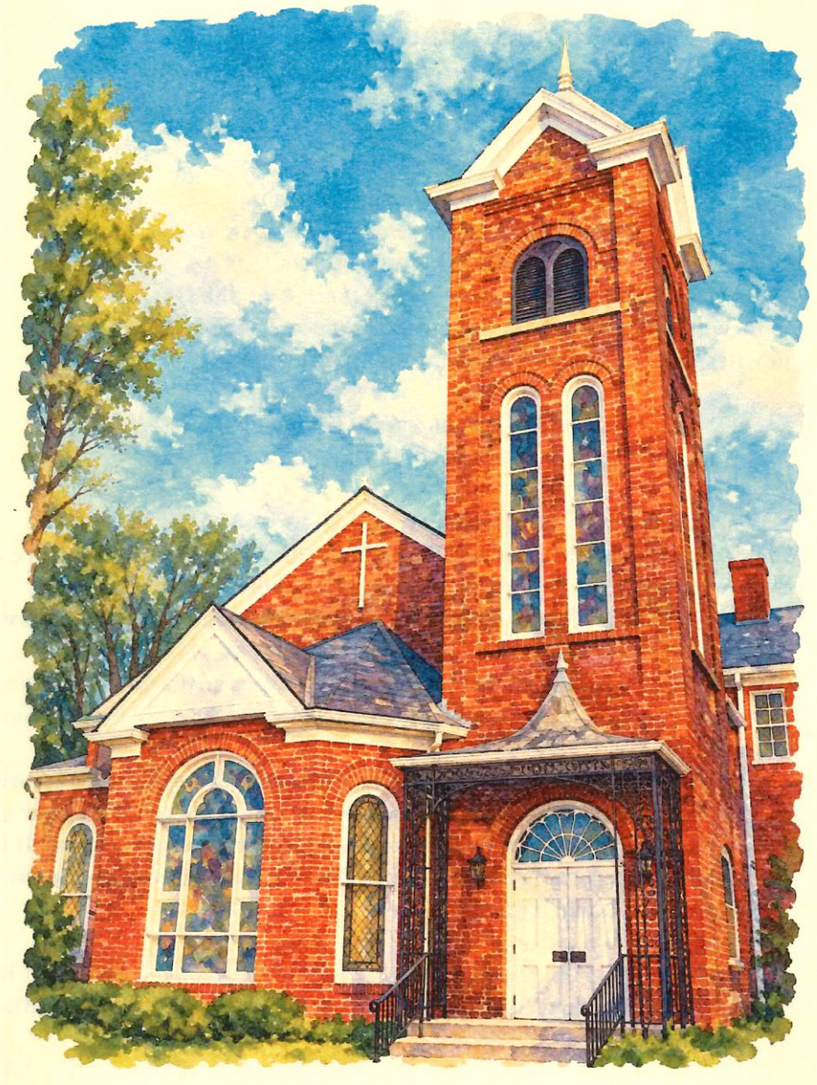
RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ADOPTION

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

November 21 is National Adoption Day. It's also a Saturday. The following day, Sunday November 22, during both worship services, we will recognize and celebrate adoption in our church family. Were you adopted? Do you have someone in your family who is adopted? Please let us know so we can include you in our celebration by sending an email to Catie (dcecatie@fpclexnc.com).

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
Organized 1827



Traditional Service ❖ November 8, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry

Passing of the Peace
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *Let All Things Now Living*

*Call to Worship Psalm 78:1-2
One: Give ear, O my people, to God's teaching.
All: We will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders that you have done.
One: Tell your children and your children's children to set their hope in God.
All: And not to forget your works, O God, but keep your commandments. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #562 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, your goodness is the gentle rain that washes creation. Your Spirit refills our dry wells and emptiness. We confess all those moments, when sin competed with your goodness and sin won. We confess that we adjust to the emptiness and it starts to feel normal. It isn't normal, and we ask for your forgiveness. Fill us with your Spirit to remind us the abundant life we share together in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
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.

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading *Psalm 84* Margie Clark

Anthem *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Courtney

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:1-13* Jim Beall Graham
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Mission and Ministry for 2027* The Session
Stewardship: The invitation to participate.
Worship: The center of our life together.
Christian Education: Growing in faith.
Faith in Action: Our mission to the world.
Building and Grounds: Caring for our common home.
Fellowship: Nurturing community.
Member Care: Caring for one another.
Personnel: Taking care of our staff.
Budget: Supporting the ministry we share.

*Hymn #414 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought*

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Regina Pozzi
(commissioned by First Presbyterian Church)

*Doxology Hymn #592
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 Thanksgiving
We give you thanks for this offering, O God. You fill us each day with bountiful blessings. Receive these gifts in response to such goodness. Help us use them as signs of our thanksgiving and your love so that Christ's mission may spread wherever there is need. Amen.

*Hymn (insert) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Postlude *Rigaudon* David Lasky

* Let us rise in body or spirit.



Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Lexington! Whether this is your first time visiting or you are a longtime member, please know that you are always welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the congregation, please ask Pastor Jon. Information is also available in the lobby and narthex. It is a blessing to share this worship service with you.

We love children here at First Presbyterian and welcome them to our worship service. Younger children are encouraged to visit the Kids' Corner in the lobby to pick up activity pages and colored pencils before the service.

We're glad you're visiting.
Can we connect with you?

Online Giving
Thank you for your gift!

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Noon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

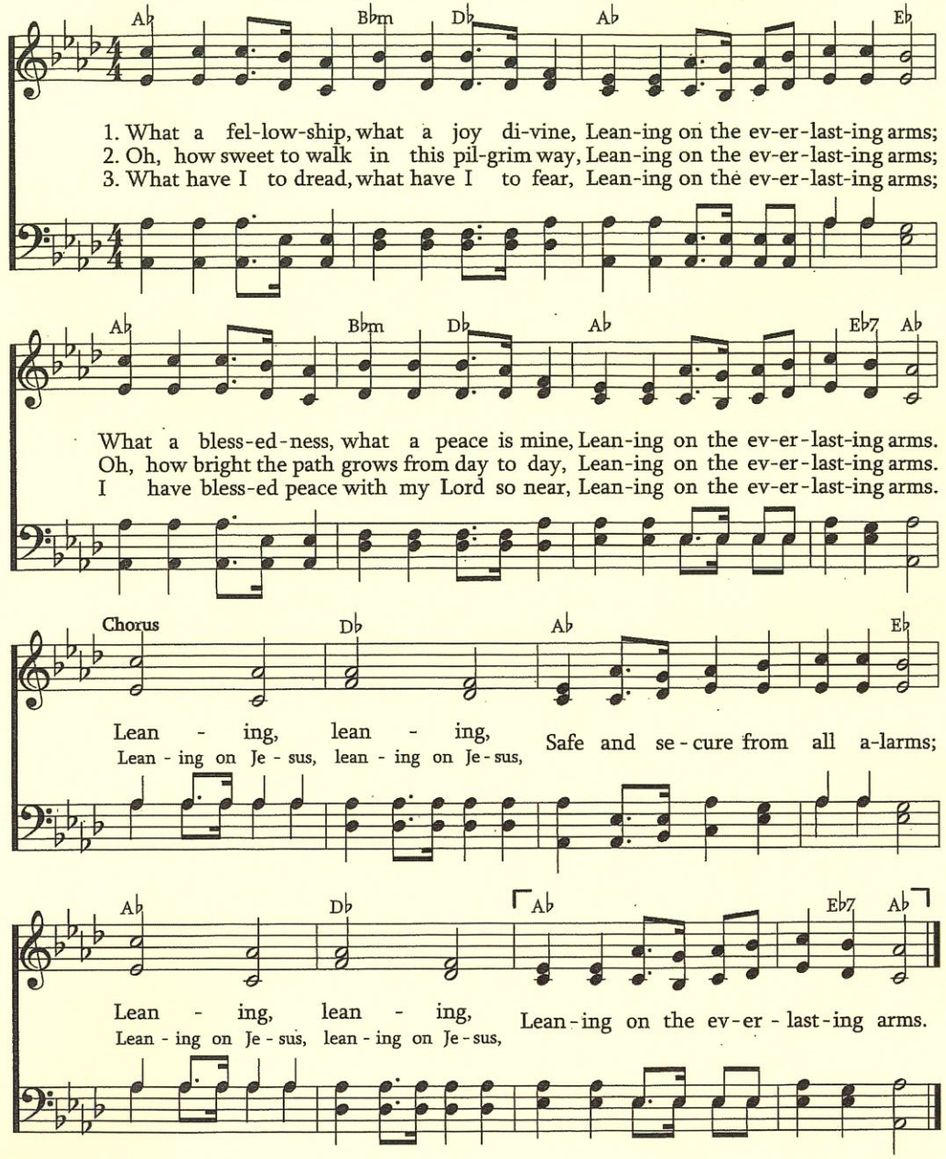
The Two Cents A Meal Offering is directed toward programs that address hunger in our region. Locally, Pastor's Pantry and First Hope Ministries have received Presbytery grants from this fund. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Through *Operation Christmas Child*, you have the opportunity to share the good news of the gospel and small gifts of love with children around the world. Simply grab one of the red-and-green boxes, fill it with small gifts and return to church for the dedication on November 22.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 377

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27



Music: Anthony J. Showalter
Text: Elisha A. Hoffman

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HOSPICE DONATIONS

We are collecting the following items in providing several needed items: shampoo, body wash, and chapstick. Please drop your donations off in a labeled box located in the church lobby.

BICENTENNIAL APPAREL

For a limited time, we are partnering with SE Logowear of Winston-Salem to sell First Presbyterian-branded Bicentennial Celebration shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Each item features the church logo (see the back of the bulletin) in a smaller size on the front, with a full-size, full-color rendering of the bicentennial seal on the back. You may order by scanning the QR code at left, or visit our website (fpclexnc.com) and look for the bicentennial seal at the top of the right-hand column for a direct, clickable link. A variety of styles and colors are available for purchase. Don't wait! **The store is only open until November 18.** Orders will be ready the week of December 7 – just in time for the holidays!

MEALS ON WHEELS FUNDRAISER



Dine out for a good cause! Christo's on South Main Street will hold a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels on Tuesday, November 17. On this day, 10% of all dine-in and take-out orders will be donated to Meals on Wheels of Lexington. Every cent helps, as it costs Meals on Wheels approximately $400 per day to feed the clients they serve. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate. Thank you for your support!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

We are working on a new pictorial directory! David Durrell and Travis Fortune have graciously agreed to take pictures. It is our hope to include a picture of everyone in the church family. Beverly Black is contacting as many members of the church family as she can in order to schedule your photo shoot. You are also welcome to reach out to Beverly by phone call or text (336-240-8496) to schedule your time. **Please do not call the photographers to schedule or reschedule your appointment.** November dates will be announced soon. If you are unable to be present at one of the scheduled times, you may also submit your own picture (office@fpclexnc.com) by December 15.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Our youth will practice for our Christmas Pageant during Sunday School (10:00 AM) on November 22, December 6, and December 13. The Christmas Pageant will be December 13 during the 11:00 AM service.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 29

On November 29, Pastor Jon will teach a combined Advent Sunday School class in the fellowship hall at 10:00 AM. During this time we will have 12 Advent Wreath take-home kits available on a first-come, first-served basis.

What's Happening this Week			
Sunday	November 8	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Service (sanctuary) Acts Alive, YD's
Monday	November 9	5:30 PM	Race Unification Gathering
Tuesday	November 10	7:15 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) GriefShare (parlor) Boy Scouts (youth basement)
Wednesday	November 11	12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nancy Gilbert's) Welborn Handbell Choir rehearsal (fellowship hall) Chancel Choir rehearsal (fellowship hall)
Thursday	November 12	11:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Friday-Sunday	November 13-15		Acts Alive Fall Retreat to the NC mountains
Saturday	November 14	12:00 PM	Second Saturday Fellowship, soup & crafts (fellowship hall)
Sunday	November 15	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Service (sanctuary) YD's Session (Session room)

SWEET POTATOES NEEDED

We are again helping Pastor's Pantry fill holiday meal boxes for hungry seniors in our community by collecting cans of sweet potatoes (yams). Please place your gifts of sweet potatoes in the lobby where mixed vegetables would normally be collected. Our overall goal is 500 cans. 250 cans are needed by November 12 (as of November 2, we have collected 130 cans), and the remaining 250 cans are needed by December 3.

PICK-UP REMINDER

If you have not picked up your chicken pies, baked spaghetti, or Dutch apple pies, you may do so following the service, in the fellowship hall, until 1:30pm.