

11:00 am Worship
November 23, 2025
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME
Call to Worship (Hymn #387) “The Lord is in His Holy Temple”
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:
Prelude: (arr: Carol Tornquist) “Great Is the Lord”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Luke 1:68-69, 77-79)
68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
69 **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David**
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
78 **because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven**
79 to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

*Hymn: “Rejoice! The Lord Is King!” Hymn# 342

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
**O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You
are the Creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to
follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We
follow our own will and desires, rather than Your perfect
and holy path. Please Lord, guide me along the paths of
righteousness for Your name sake, and give us the faith to
follow wherever You lead. In the name of our risen Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24
22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to
all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and
Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the
redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri
Walks with Jesus
First Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Hymnal # 734
Rev. John McCarthy
Pew Bible #757

Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer “O How He Loves You and Me” Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: “We Will Glorify” Hymn# 337
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (arr: Mark Patterson) “How Can I Give You Thanks?” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-16 Pew Bible #1139
Sermon: “Love Leads to Humility” Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
*Apostles’ Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” Hymn #243
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude
*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer
Art & Andrea Carter, OMF
Prayers/: Patricia Burton
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Flowers – Given to the Glory of God, for the blessings of Thanksgiving, and in celebration of Maelyn turning eighteen from her parents, Mike and Melissa, and her siblings, Maddie, Michaela, and Matthew.

Ushers – serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door and Terri Smith* at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week’s Announcements

5 Cents a Meal Collection – Today we collect for the Presbytery’s program. Mark donations accordingly.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Dates – Continues through November 24. 3-6 people needed each day to help receive incoming boxes. Sign-up sheet available on bulletin board outside office door. Collection times listed below:
o Sunday, November 23 1-3pm
o Monday, November 24 10-12 noon
“Thank You” to all our volunteers!

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 25 at 7pm at First Pres. Rev. Mike Russell from Shady Grove and McCanless Memorial UMC will provide the sermon. The offerings collected during this service will be donated to the local 13th Annual Stuff the Cruiser Project. Come out and support this project as well as receive the spiritual uplift of the season.

Women’s Bible Study – No Bible Study this week. Wednesday, December 3 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. The study is the book of Romans.

Good Samaritan – November Collection is: Thanksgiving meal items

Upper Room – The November/December issue is now available at all entrances. Get your copy early so you don’t miss a day.

Hanging the Greens – Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 pm. A new tree has been purchased and will be ready for the decorations.

Annual Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 7 during worship. Mark your calendar and invite friends and neighbors to come celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Cantata. The choir, and Jim Luedtke have worked very hard to make this a blessing for all.

Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24 at 5pm. Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This is always a special way to bring in the holiday, and remember Christ is the reason for the season! Without Christ there is no Christmas.

First Presbyterian Church
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South Boston, Virginia



Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*

Values

*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery will be provided at this time.

Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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Calendar

Sunday, November 23	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, November 26	12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA
Thursday, November 27	7:00 pm - AA
Friday, November 28	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
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Session

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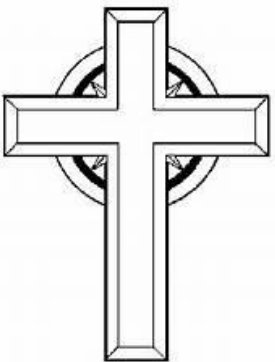
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