



First
Presbyterian
Church of Ann Arbor

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
September 28, 2025
8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in worship! In the Sanctuary, you will find children's Bibles in the pews and activity resources in the Narthex. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm on the first floor. If you need assistance, please alert an usher.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin to follow the service.

PRAYER

If you are carrying any personal burdens or joys this morning, the Prayer Team will be available in the Prayer and Compassion Room—just outside the Sanctuary doors near the Lounge—following worship.

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us after worship for fellowship time! Enjoy cookies, conversation, and a cup of coffee as we spend time together.

COVER ARTWORK

This British caricature portrays the Duke of Wellington feasting at table while a starving petitioner approaches, echoing the biblical parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19–31). The anonymous artist critiques social and economic disparity, exposing the blindness of wealth to human need. Courtesy of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. Used with permission.

TODAY AT FIRST

8:00 am –9:00 am	Worship Monteith Hall
9:30 am –10:30 am	Worship Sanctuary
10:25 am –11:00 am	Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8 grade) Lemon Chapel
10:30 am	Congregational Meeting Sanctuary
10:30 am –11:00 am	Fellowship Social Hall
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Pre-School Faith Formation Preschool Wing - Level 1
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation Lemon Chapel, Rms 302-305
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Middle & High School Faith Formation Youth Room
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Exploring the Faith Lewis Room
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Exploring the Bible French Room
11:00 am –12:00 pm	First Friends Curtis Room
6:00 pm –7:30 pm	Youth Group Social Hall, Youth Room



8:00 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Musicaux No. 6 in D flat

Franz Schubert

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

Bill King

*Call to Worship

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful
To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together.
Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,
These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn

Lord, Grant Us Loving Hearts
(see page 6)

TERRA BEATA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lee Afdahl

2

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a '2' above the first measure, indicating a second ending. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Reflection

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

Congregational Response

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.
Com - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - - - ia!
Com - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - - - ia!

The musical notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Moment Musicaux No. 2 in A flat

Franz Schubert

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Table. When receiving each element, please respond as follows:

The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 689	<i>When the Morning Stars Together</i>	WEISSE FLAGGEN
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***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Voluntary	<i>Impromptu No. 2 in E flat</i>	Franz Schubert
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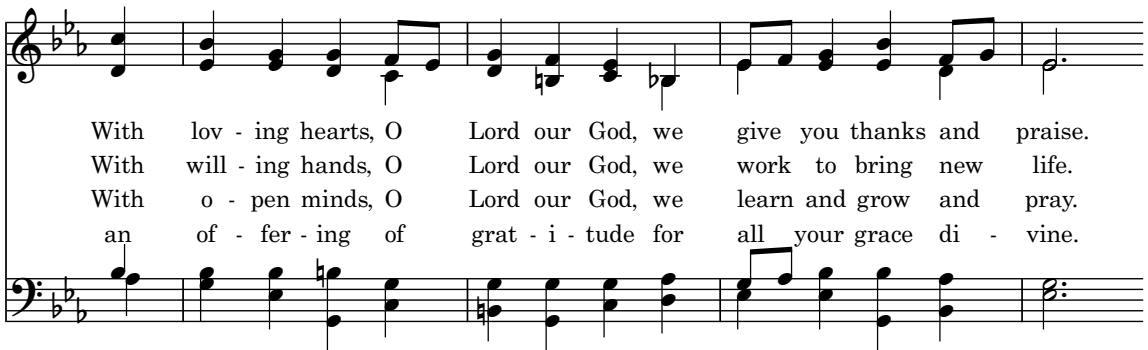


Lord, Grant Us Loving Hearts

For First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan



1. Lord, grant us lov - ing hearts to share your gifts of grace.
2. Lord, grant us will - ing hands to serve your world in Christ.
3. Lord, grant us o - pen minds to seek your Spir - it's way.
4. Re - ceive these gifts, O Lord— our hearts and hands and minds—



With lov - ing hearts, O Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.
With will - ing hands, O Lord our God, we work to bring new life.
With o - pen minds, O Lord our God, we learn and grow and pray.
an of - fer - ing of grat - i - tude for all your grace di - vine.



This is our com - mon goal, this is our sa - cred call:



to share your grace, O Lord our God, for you are all in all.
to serve your world, O Lord our God, for you are all in all.
to seek your way, O Lord our God, for you are all in all.
to give you thanks, O Lord our God, for you are all in all.

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TERRA BEATA
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Sanctus Ringers

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CELTIC ALLELUIA

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Sarah Rutherford

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

*Hymn 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Lazarus

Robert Tanner

Chancel Choir and Collin Stillday, soloist

Lazarus! Rise up! The Lord is calling you!
Come forth, oh Lazarus! The Lord is calling you.
Rise up! Lazarus! He's calling you.
No need to be afraid, so come on up out of that grave.

The Lord says you're sleeping but if that is true,
Why did they put you into that tomb?
I hear my Lord weeping but don't be ashamed,
When Jesus calls your name.

The daughter of Jarirus fell sick and died,
But then the Lord spoke to her and she opened her eyes.
She rose up from her slumber, now you do the same,
When Jesus calls your name.

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Rise up! Lazarus! He's calling you.
No need to be afraid, so come on up out of that grave.

One morning after sleeping in the Savior's hands,
God's children gonna wake up in the Promised Land.
So, hold your head up now and don't be ashamed,
When Jesus calls your name.

Rise up, Lazarus! No need to be afraid.
The Lord has lifted you up today.
So, come on up out of that grave.

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

Litany of Parting

Students (Kindergarten through 8th grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Lemon Chapel Singers (our children and youth choir).

All: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

***Hymn 689**

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Walk in the Light

David Blackwell

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.



A congregational meeting will follow 9:30 am worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2028.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:00 am

David Prentice-Hyers
Melissa Anne Rogers
Dan Mitas, *Lay Reader*

9:30 am

David Prentice-Hyers
Mark Mares
Melissa Anne Rogers
Sarah Rutherford
Eileen Jewell, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

8:00 am

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

9:30 am

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS

Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Dick Carlisle
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Joe Schmidt
Connie Swindle
Martin Swindle
Bill Wood

GREETER

Marilyn Gibson

FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Woodfill Musser and Amelia Maverick Nolen by Robin Agnew; and in loving memory of Stub (Clyde) Kloack by his family.

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Today in Faith Formation

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Room 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH

LEMON CHAPEL SINGERS

10:25 AM | LEMON CHAPEL

Children in grades K–8 are invited to join the Lemon Chapel Singers! Each Sunday, we learn songs of faith and joyfully sing together.

PRESCHOOL

11:00 AM | 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS - RM 102 |
NURSERY - 3 YEAR OLDS - RM 101

Our preschoolers are invited to explore the wonder of sacred worship spaces through songs, stories, and crafts. This joyful time of learning helps our youngest children begin to experience God’s love and the beauty of worship in age-appropriate ways.

K - 5TH GRADE

11:00 AM | LEMON CHAPEL

Kids will gather on the third floor for music, movement, creative activities, and prayer, all centered on the same scripture used in worship. Children begin together in Lemon Chapel for a gathering time before moving to classrooms.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

11:00 AM | LL4

Join us for a faith formation class that explores faith practices, through scripture, art, & conversation.

ADULTS

EXPLORING THE FAITH

11:00 AM | LEWIS ROOM

Why the Church? Exploring Belonging, Giving, and Being All In

Host: Brent Ivey

In a world full of worthy causes, why give to the church? This class explores the spiritual foundations of generosity and the unique role of the church as a community of worship, mission, and belonging. Together, we’ll reflect on what sets church giving apart, how our financial gifts shape our faith, and why intentional, joyful generosity matters—both for us and for the Body of Christ. Come with your questions, your hesitations, and an open heart.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

11:00 AM | FRENCH ROOM

Reading Revelation

Host: Ed Koster

Revelation can feel puzzling, but it is also one of Scripture’s most hope-filled books. This class will explore its historical context and vivid imagery, highlighting themes of faith, perseverance, and God’s renewal of creation. Together we’ll discover Revelation as a vision of encouragement for every age.

FIRST FRIENDS

11:00 AM | CURTIS ROOM

Christianity and Antisemitism

Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Phifer explores how antisemitism became intertwined with Christian history in this thought-provoking video series. Together, we will watch, reflect, and discuss how Christianity’s beginnings as a Jewish sect shifted once it became the official religion of the Roman Empire—and how hostility toward Judaism took root.

Announcements

CARE

Let Us Pray
MONDAYS
9:00-9:30 AM, ZOOM

Our Monday Morning Prayer team lifts in prayer both joys and burdens of our congregation and community. We meet from 9 - 9:30 online and you are always welcome to join us anytime. The group is led by Rev. Rogers and our Parish Nurses.

Holding Hope Support Group
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:30 PM, ZOOM

Holding Hope Support Group for those with adult children with addiction issues, mental health challenges, or other struggles, led by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers. All are welcome. Zoom only, last Tuesday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

FAITH FORMATION

Men's Book Study
1ST & 3RD FRIDAY
8:30 AM, LEWIS ROOM

The Men's Book Study Group meets on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:45 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Together, the group selects a book and gathers to discuss it in an open, thoughtful, and friendly environment. The current book is *The Sabbath Way* by Travis West, and is available for purchase in the church office for \$17.

MATURE MINISTRIES

LUNCH & LEARN
Double Header: Fall Prevention & Home Efficiency

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00 AM | Fall Prevention
Practical strategies from the PVM Fall Prevention Team to help reduce risks and stay confident as you age.

12:00 PM | Lunch
Catered lunch (\$15; scholarships available). Registration required.

12:45 PM | Home Energy Efficiency & Electrification
Rich Fein (Citizens' Climate Lobby – Ann Arbor) presents “Save Money & Save the Planet,” a non-technical session on lowering utility bills, reducing carbon footprint, and accessing new incentives.

Join us for tools to support both your health and our planet!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

William Barclay Commentary Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS
10:30-11:30 AM | VANCE ROOM & ZOOM

Join Presbyterian Women for a study of Mark's Gospel using William Barclay's beloved commentaries. The series runs Sept. 17–Nov. 20 and resumes Jan. 7. Study guides (including large print) are available—contact Meg Brown, lmegbrown@gmail.com. Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/82929008064

Spiritual Writing
1ST THURSDAY
10:30 AM - NOON, VANCE ROOM

Join us once a month in the Vance Room for a time of creativity and community. Each session begins with a one-word prompt from our leader, followed by 45 minutes of quiet writing—on paper or computer, whichever you prefer.

We then spend 45 minutes sharing our work, offering encouragement, and enjoying discussion together. The group meets monthly, September through May.

Horizons Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

2ND THURSDAY
10:00 AM, CURTIS ROOM

Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00–11:30 am in the Curtis Room or online via Zoom. Jane Bartman will lead the study on "Martha and Mary" on October 9. Study books are available for \$14. All women are warmly invited to come, learn, and grow together in faith!

SERVE

Volunteer for Food Rescue this Football Season!

Our Food Rescue/Feeding Our Neighbors Program delivers thousands of pounds of ready-to-serve food from Big Ten games to local organizations fighting food insecurity. We need volunteers for the 2025 football season:

- Game Day Pickup:** Sort and collect food after the game (2 hrs, 6 people)
 - Monday Load:** Help load the truck at 9:00 a.m. (30 min, 2 people)
 - Monday Drive:** Drive the truck to Detroit (4 hrs, 1 person)
- Sign up: fpca2.org/local

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Worship

WEDNESDAYS
9:00 AM, ZOOM

Keanu Heydari, First Pres Deacon and UM PhD candidate, leads a 25-minute prayer meeting using the Book of Common Worship’s Morning Prayer as its guide. All are invited.

Taizé Worship

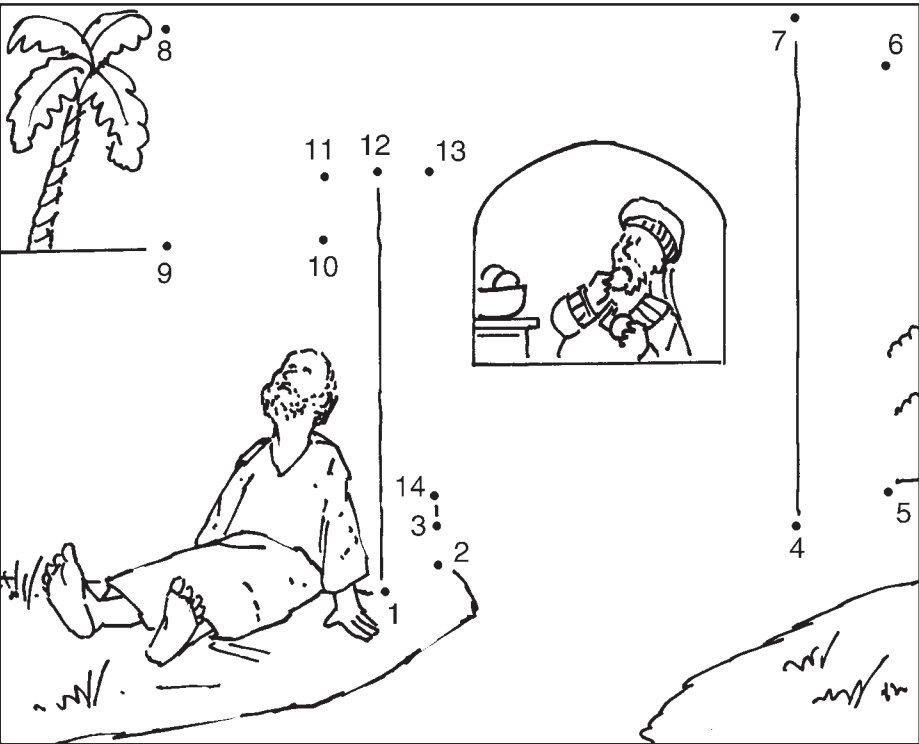
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
7:00 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a contemplative Taizé service on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 pm in Monteith Hall. Experience quiet reflection, meditative music, and prayers for wholeness. All are welcome.

This Week

- Mon Sept 29 **Prayer Team** | 9:00 am | Zoom
- Mon Sept 29 **Sanctus Ringers** | 7:00 pm | Handbell Room
- Tues Sept 30 **Joyful Ringers** | 2:00 pm | Handbell Room
- Tues Sept 30 **Gentle Yoga** | 5:30 pm | Curtis Room
- Tues Sept 30 **Holding Hope Support Group** | 7:30 pm | Zoom
- Wed Oct 1 **Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Worship** | 9:00 am | Zoom
- Wed Oct 1 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
- Wed Oct 1 **Safety Committee** | 3:00 pm | Curtis Room
- Wed Oct 1 **Officer Training** | 7:00 pm
- Wed Oct 1 **Property Committee** | 7:00 pm | Curtis Room
- Wed Oct 1 **Children's Workgroup** | 7:30 pm | Zoom
- Thur Oct 2 **Spiritual Writing Group** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
- Thur Oct 2 **Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn** | 12:00 pm | Social Hall

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

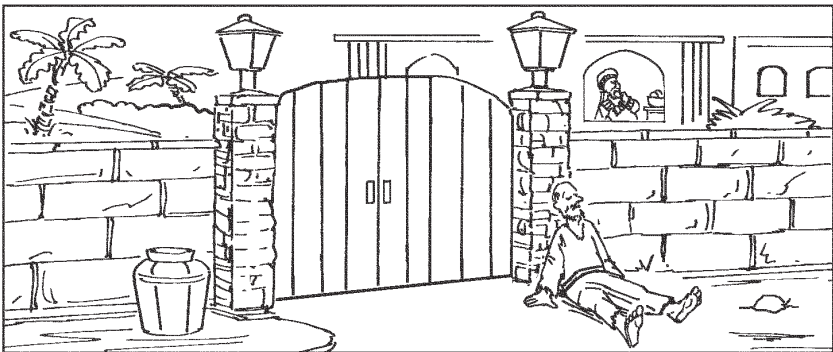
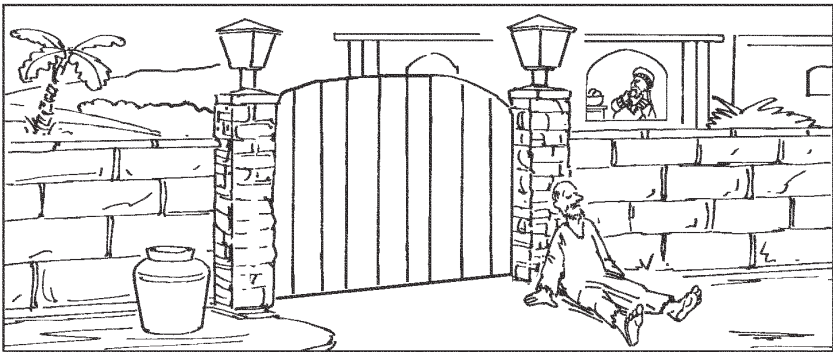


Jesus told a story about a rich man who would not help Lazarus, who was poor.

Connect the dots.

A rich man lived in luxury. At his gate laid a beggar named Lazarus, who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table.

Find 12 differences in the bottom picture.



2026
STEWARDSHIP



See what happens
when we go

All In

With Loving Hearts, Willing Hands,
& Open Minds



Today we begin our 2026
Stewardship Campaign,
**All In: With Loving Hearts,
Willing Hands, and Open Minds.**
Together, we are called to live out our
faith through generosity, service, and
hospitality.

Over the next few weeks, we'll reflect on
how our gifts of time, talent, and treasure
sustain the ministries of First Presbyterian
and extend Christ's love into the world.

We invite you to prayerfully consider
how you will be "All In" this year as
we commit ourselves to building
a vibrant and faithful future.



**Visit the Stewardship Table in
the Narthex, Lounge, or Social
Hall to pick up your packet or
scan the QR code to make a
pledge online.**