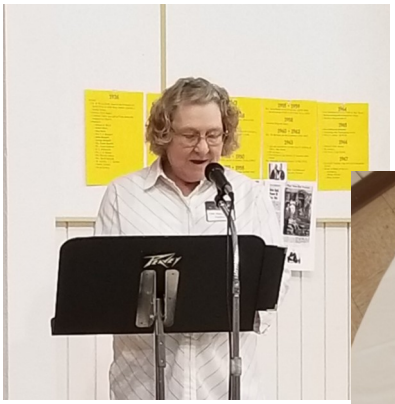
Good News November 2026

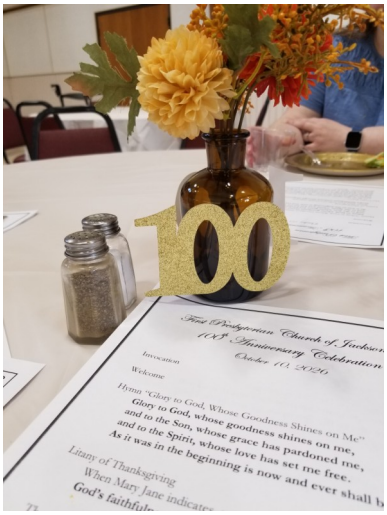
What a glorious day of celebration! On October 10, members, past members, and friends of the church gathered together to commemorate the 100th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. We looked back at how God has been with us through the years. As we look forward to the future let us seek to love God and our neighbor with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. And we can depend on God loving-kindness, for we know "God's faithfulness endures through all generations."













Some of the people who could not attend the anniversary celebration sent in messages that were read during a program. The first is a message sent to us from one of our former ministers, Debbie. She lives in Europe and is currently walking the Camino along with her husband, Noel:



Congratulations!! How wonderful to be celebrating 100 years of ministry.

I am honored to be a small part of this ministry!! Your story has been shared around the world because I have told people of your remarkable dedication to the work of Christ.

May God continue to bless you and the amazing work that you are doing sharing the good news in your words and works.

With much love,

Debbie

From Miki:

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

For as long as I can remember, this church has been my family and my sanctuary. Growing up, it was where I felt protected, surrounded by caring adults, who were always dedicated to community and sharing love. I learned so much about the importance of self-reflection, self-improvement, and serving others through this family.

I wish I could be there with you in person and celebrate the 100 years of dedication and commitment that it has taken to keep this wonderful church here. I can't wait to step through the doors again, to sit in the pews, to listen, to sing, to work, and to be in fellowship with you again.

With much love,

Miki

From former minister Rev. Elizabeth :



To my dear, sweet friends at FPC Jacksonville,

It hurts my heart that I am not able to be with you today to celebrate such a momentous occasion, but I am grateful to have this opportunity to share a note with you. First Presbyterian Church is filled with such faithful disciples—faithful in worship and in stewardship, and it is no surprise that you have endured for 100 years. Your primary goal is not to have acclaim for your good works, but to do what is righteous and faithful in the sight of God. The time that I spent with you was some of the happiest years of my professional life (not including that little Covid stint), but the preacher shed was pretty great! I know that the Holy Spirit has moved and is continuing to move through you. Whatever the future brings, know that you are in my heart and in my prayers.





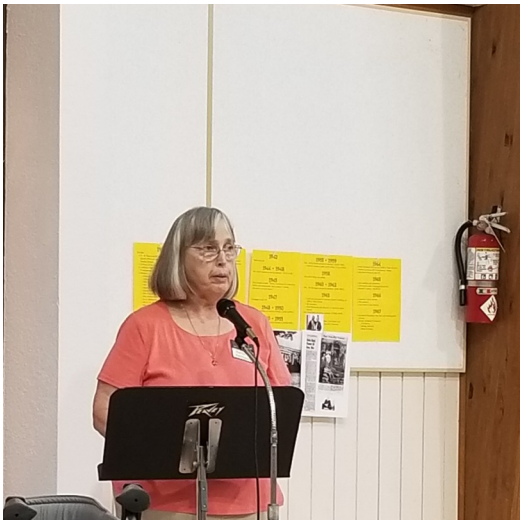
Love,
Elizabeth

Top right: Elizabeth and Mary Jane with the preaching shed.

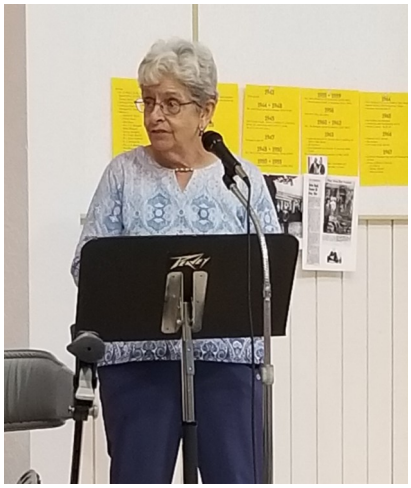
Above: the roster of the church's first quilting circle.

Left: Former member Phil D. stands next to the Advent wreath stand he built for the church.





A huge thanks goes to the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee. Their planning and preparation made this wonderful celebration possible. Barbara and Beth co-chaired the committee. The members were Pam, Rosie, Katie, and Dylan.









Church Notes

Congregational Meeting
On November 8 we will meet to hear the report from the nominating committee and elect elders to serve on the session for the Class of 2028.

Providence Park Tour
Providence Park is a community in Mabelvale that is being developed to provide permanent housing, support and a renewed sense of hope for individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. If you would like to see firsthand what is happening at Providence Park and learn more about the vision behind this remarkable community, there are two opportunities for tours (Wednesday, November 4 at 12:00 noon and Saturday November 14 at 2:00 pm). The tour will give you an opportunity to see the community, learn about its mission, and better understand the difference Providence Park is making in the lives of its residents. If you would like to visit you can email Brian, a board member of Providence Park at bbush@stephens.com or contact the church office.

Estimate of Giving Cards Out Now
Check you mail cubby this Sunday for your Estimate of Giving Card! Please take time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support our church's shared mission. Place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by November 29.

Online Giving Tools Available
You can now donate to the church by clicking this link to Vanco or by scanning the QR code.

Attendance for October

Oct. 4: 27 Oct. 11: 39 Oct. 18: 30 Oct. 25: 28

Ministers, Themes, and Scriptures for November

Nov. 1 All Saints Day Communion Mary Jane
Rev. 7:9-17 Psalm 139 1 John 3:1-3 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
See what love the Father has given us; we are God's children now.

Nov. 8 Mary Jane Psalm 78:1-7 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Each generation will tell the next of the glorious deeds of the Lord.

Nov. 15 Mary Lee Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 Ps. 90:1-8, 12 Matt. 25:14-30
The parable of talents; good and trustworthy servants are rewarded.

Nov. 22 Mary Jane Ps. 100 2 Cor. 9:6-15 Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24
I will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord; I will save them.

Nov. 29 Mary Jane Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 Isaiah 54:1-9
First Sunday of Advent | Until the Dawn: Cry Out
"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down"

Session Report

Session met on Sunday October 25th. The treasurer reported that work has begun on the budget and the finance committee will soon be sending out pledge cards. Pledges can now be made on the Vanco online platform. A Congregational Meeting will be held on November 8th to hear the report from the Elder Nominating Committee. A Website Task Force was established to aid in updating the website. Mary Jane's covenant was updated for 2027. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6th.

October Report from the Community Care Room

In the month of October we gave members of our community:

- 363 snack bags
- 118 hygiene packs, individual hygiene items, or first aid items
- 206 shirts, dresses, or hoodies and 105 pairs of pants or shorts
- 246 items such as socks or underwear
- 8 bags or backpacks
- 15 pairs of shoes, 4 hats, and 1 belt
- 5 coats or jackets
- 36 blankets
- 4 towels
- 14 servings of dog food

Announcements

The Worship and CE Committee will meet on November 1 after Hospitality Time.

The Outreach Committee will meet on November 8 after the Congregational Meeting.

Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 17, at 10:00 am.

Bible Study is each Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The group is watching and discussing *The Chosen*. Everyone is welcome.

The Website Task Force is updating the church website! If you would like to be a part of this project, let Barry know.

Advent begins November 29. During the four weeks before Christmas we will prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

Prayer Requests from October

Beth
Christopher
Carol
Chip
Debbie
Emily and Tyler
Fay
Glenn
Jack
Jamella
Jeff and family
Jerry
Jill
Jouri
Katie and Dylan
Larry and
Lisa
Louise
Madison
Michael and Amie
Michelle
Natalie and Thomas
Raymond
Reed and Bailey
Roy
Shirley
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Mission Statement

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to be disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and service.

Purpose

The purpose of First Presbyterian Church
is to love the Lord our God with all our hearts,
with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength;
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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