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LIVE-STREAM: 11:00 service - https://tinyurl.com/FPC-Richmond
(Worshippers wishing to remain off-camera may be seated in the balcony)

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY -- 10:30 am -- Proverbs.

WEDNESDAY MORNING YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST -- 6:45 am – at Purdy's

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY -- 6:30 pm -- 1 Corinthians.

SQUARE DANCE & TABLE GAMES -- 17 October 2026 – 6:30pm.

SESSION MEETING – 27 October 2026 – 6:00pm

NECROLOGY OF THE SAINTS – 1 November 2026

LOCKIN 2026 – 7-8 November 2026 – overnight.

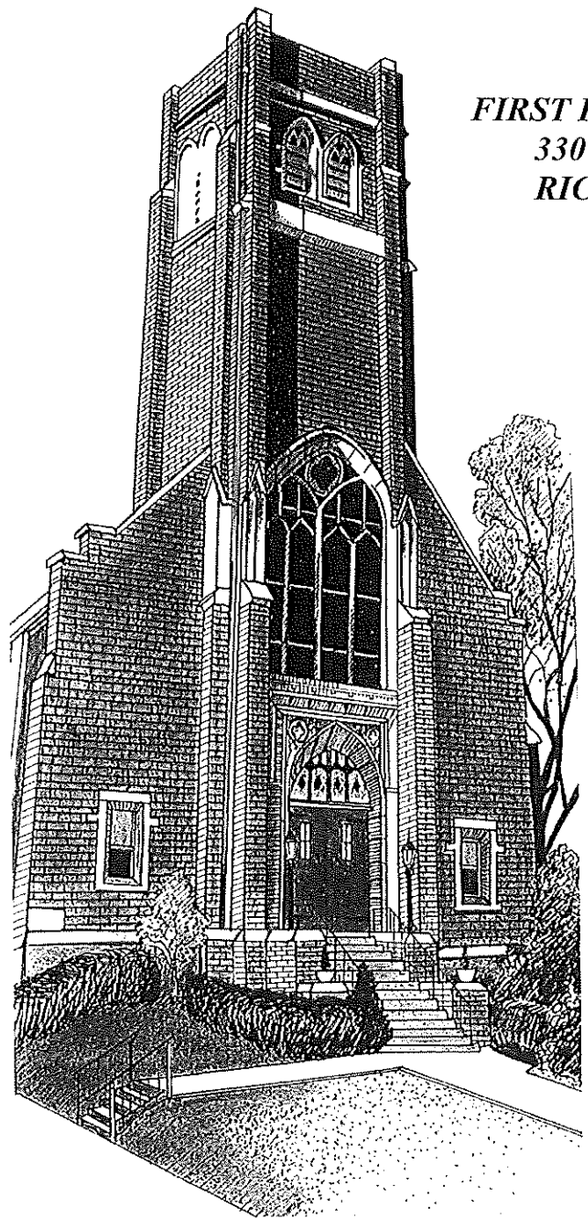
ARTS & CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS -- 14 November 2026 – 9:00am – 3:00pm.

First Presbyterian Church Ruling Elders
Jen Wilke-Deaton, Jim Exline, LeAnn Jones, Arleita Dirne, Mark Pitts, Gil Shew, Craig Mapel, Beth Underwood

First Presbyterian Church Deacons
Ava Stanley, Wayne Bowlin, Donna Cox, Denise Crump, Marti Exline, Sarah Gump, Amanda Tipton, Lynn Shearon, Morgan Couch

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:	**9:45**	**Sunday School**	**WEDNESDAY:**	**6:30**	**Bible Study**
	11:00	**Worship**	**SUNDAY:**	**9:45**	**Sunday School**
MONDAY:	**10:30**	**Bible Study**		**11:00**	**Worship**
TUESDAY:	**9-11**	**Tuesday Crew**			



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We exist . . .

not for ourselves,

but to love Jesus Christ,

and to make Christ's love known.

"WELCOME!"

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11, 2026 The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE *In der Kirche* Tchaikowsky

INTROIT *Praise the Lord!* (from Psalm 106 and 147) Guimont
Beth Underwood, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP **(Adapted from Psalm 106:1-6)**

Leader: Praise the Lord! We give thanks to Thee, for Thou art good,
People: Your steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Remember us, O Lord, when You show favor to Your people;
People: Help us when You deliver them,
Leader: That we may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones,
People: That we may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
Leader: That we may glory in Your heritage.
People: We give thanks to Thee, for Thou art good. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL
Verses 1 & 2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit before You, O God of mercy, that we have sinned. We have ignored our transgressions, but they do not go away. We have denied our shameful actions, but You know the truth. We would excuse our wickedness, but we have no excuse. We hide our own unrighteousness by finding fault in others. Cleanse us, O Lord, that our lives might be pure. Forgive our sins so that our faith may be complete; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH
(Elementary-age Children are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.)

ANTHEM *Nearer, My God, to Thee* G. Toole

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-14 New Testament, p. 19
Pastor: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON Unwelcome Guests Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #510 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC
Verses 1 & 4

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579 Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY *Sun of my Soul, Thou Savior Dear* arr. Richardson

*DOXOLOGY #592 Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #391 *Take My Life* HENDON
Verses 1 & 6

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord of All Good* TOULON

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand Today's Lay Reader Beth Underwood