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Office

Monday – Friday | 9:00AM– 4:30PM

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In our society today, many are fearful for their future and their freedoms. We recognize and acknowledge these fears. Our congregation welcomes all to join us in worship, leadership, and community life regardless of sex, age, race, ethnicity, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideals, economic status, or immigration status.

AS AN AFFIRMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, WE HOLD
STEADFAST TO THE TRUTH THAT ALL ARE EQUALLY
LOVED BY GOD AND INVITE ALL TO "COME AS YOU ARE"
TO FIND FAITH, HOPE, HEALING AND LOVE.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11, 2026



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A BEACON OF HOPE



2027 Mission and Ministry Challenge

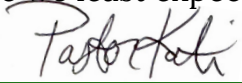
A Beacon of Worship

WELCOME! We're so glad you're here!

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kati Collins

Some of you will remember me sharing that I am playing in the Columbia Civic Orchestra this fall. In my previous life, before pastoral ministry, I was a flutist preparing to play in a professional symphony. I was in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin–Madison when I injured my hand, changing the course of my life plan. Would I have still chosen to go into pastoral ministry if I had not been injured? We'll never know. But I count myself blessed that I get to do so many of the things I love as a pastor, and I am deeply grateful for the life God has shaped for me.

I've always said that I would love to play in an orchestra again if the opportunity ever arose. Sally Swanson and Betty Cramer held me to that comment by helping make it possible for me to play with the **Columbia Civic Orchestra**. For the fall concert, I'm playing mostly piccolo in two magnificent works: a movement from Samuel Barber's "Vanessa", as well as a contemporary piece by Adolphus Hailstork that weaves the Navy Hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," through a series of truly terrifying scales and high notes. The performance is on **Saturday, October 17, 7 p.m.**, next door at the **First Baptist Church**, and I'd love to have any of you attend. Sometimes God surprises us with joy where we least expect it. May God offer you an unexpected joy, too!



What to expect for first-time visitors

We hope you feel the love in this congregation! Sign in using the pew pads, the paper Connect Card, or our texting option below. Our **Early Childhood Center** opens at 9am to care for younger children. Children are always welcome in worship. Bathrooms are located outside the sanctuary and in the **Ramsey Center**, down the hallway from the kitchen. The bathroom next to the ECC has a changing table. Have a cup of coffee or tea in the **Welcome Center** and make yourself at home.

Weekly updates texted from 573-485-1523. Text the word WELCOME or MEMBER to get connected and register your contact information. Text PRAYER to send a prayer request.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

- Sunday, October 11**
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Second Sunday Snacks provided by Deacons - Welcome Center
11:45 am Korean Congregation Activities
3:15 pm FPC Confirmation Class - Chez
5:00 pm FPC Youth Group - Youth Area
- Monday, October 12**
8:00 am COMO Mobile Aid - Kitchen
2:00 pm Oval 4 - Chez
2:30 pm Personnel Team Meeting - Lg. Conference Room
6:00 pm Christian Education Team Meeting - Zoom
6:00 pm Monday Evening Small Group - Ramsey Center
- Tuesday, October 13**
9:30 am Circle 5 @ Lenoir
9:30 am Gifts & Memorials Meeting - Lg. Conference Room
2:00 pm COMO Mobile Aid - Kitchen
5:30 pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting - Lg. Conference Room
- Wednesday, October 14**
8:00 am COMO Mobile Aid - Kitchen
1:00 pm FPC Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Kermack-Parker Committee Meeting - Chez
5:00 pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting - Lg. Conference Room
5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, October 15**
11:30 am Downtown Rotary - Ramsey Center
6:30 pm Session Meeting - Lg. Conference Room
- Friday, October 16**
8:30 am Mission & Movie Day - Various Areas
5:00 pm Mizzou Rehearsal & Concert (performance 7-8pm)
7:00 pm Korean Church Youth Group
- Saturday, October 17**
12:00 pm Jabberwocky Dance Recital - Lighthouse (performance 1-2pm)
4:00 pm Escuelita Alegria Parents Night Out - Chez
- Sunday, October 18**
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Korean Congregation Activities

Please pray for...

Mildred Brown; Joe Bowmaster; Gary Anger; Bob Reid; Terry Lodwick; Angie Hull; Marie Sloan; Lynn Willbrand; John and Carol Rhoades; Gene Powell; Bill Regan; Mona Ajans; Anne Braisted; Roger Frakes; Katie Hanney; Michael (Kevin O'Brien's brother); John Parker; those suffering or grieving as a result of war or natural disasters, and our sister congregation, the Korean Presbyterian Church.

We also pray for our college student neighbors— that God would give us open minds and hearts to understand how we might learn from them, meet their needs, and love them as Christ loves us.

In response to our value for creation care, we lift up prayers for those who have lost loved ones or are recovering from injuries as a result of the fires, storms, and earthquakes. As we witness the effects of climate changes around the world, we pray for guidance in our personal behaviors and public routines that we may learn to better nurture and care for creation.

Symbolism in the Sanctuary



The Pelican—To Love Is To Give... The pelican has long been a symbol in the Christian Church. Legend tells us that the pelican, in times of famine, will open her own breast to feed her young from her own body & blood. The early church related this legend to the risen Christ shedding His body & blood for us. We may not sacrifice for our fellow man in the same way as Christ — but we show our love for God by loving others. To love is to give.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Who are we?

Disciples making a difference by Embracing all people,
Engaging all neighborhoods, Empowering lives, and
Encouraging each other.



Our Values: Worship, Nurture, and Service

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD COLLECTION



The Connect Team has begun collecting non-perishable food items for Loaves and Fishes. This month, we are collecting **large cans of vegetables** (green beans, corn, pinto beans, black beans). Grab an extra can this week at the store and bring it to Worship!

Loaves & Fishes offers a free meal every evening from 5pm-6pm at the new VAC Opportunity Campus, 1304 Bowling St., east of the power plant off Business Loop 70 East. Volunteers from all across the community help prepare and serve food so that a meal is offered 7 days a week. We continue to provide financial support, but purchasing some of the basic food items helps keep this program sustainable as the number of guests and volunteers fluctuate.

2027 MISSION AND MINISTRY CHALLENGE

First Presbyterian is a source of light in the lives of our members and a beacon of grace and hope to our community and beyond. We are a living testimony of the faith passed down through generations. Like the stewards who tend to the lighthouse to keep it standing steadfast through the storms, we must care for both our facilities and spiritual foundation to keep that light shining. Every gift helps fuel the light that reflects the hope and new life found in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



- The Stewardship Team

Youth & Children's Announcements

The Early Childhood Center opens @ 9am

Sunday School for all ages @ 9:30am

Confirmation Class - THIS Sunday, October 11 @ 3:15pm

Youth Group - THIS Sunday, October 11 from 5-7pm

MUP Youth Retreat - October 24 & 25- Camp JoOta

Combined Youth Group - October 25 from 5-7pm

FPC's Fun Space during Halloweenie in the District - October 30 from 4-6pm



UKIRK is an inclusive student faith community of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our name means "University Church"- "Kirk" is an old Scots-English word for Church.

Check out the UKIRK Calendar for discussion groups and events!



200 Years of Enduring
Faith, Hope, and Love

Like a tree planted by the Living Waters (Psalm 1:3), our congregation celebrates a fruitful ministry: **Rooted in Grace: 200 Years of Enduring Faith, Hope, and Love.** Beginning **September 19, 2027**, we will mark this historic milestone with special events, inspiring speakers, and opportunities to celebrate our shared story of faith. We look forward to gathering as a congregation and community to honor where God has led us and look with hope toward the years ahead.

SESSION LEADERSHIP 2026-2027

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Nancy Graham

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Terry Weston

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Christi Hopper

Brenda Kinkade

Kristyn Mayo

Sally Swanson

You may call or email the office to notify the Deacons and/or Pastor Kati about your pastoral needs, such as home communion or prayer before a surgery. You may also leave a prayer request in the offering plate or text PRAYER to our weekly update number: 573-485-1523.

Upcoming Events

October 16, Mizzou Choral Concert – 7:00 pm, FPC Sanctuary
November 10, John Parker Lecture Series – Dr. Larry Brown will speak on “Being Christian in America (and not white Christian nationalist)” – Social time 6:30 pm, Presentation 7:00 pm. (Pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center)
October 30, Halloweenie – FPC will be participating in the annual downtown Halloween Celebration, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
November 15, Korean Congregation Thanksgiving – The Korean congregation is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner and invites members of our church to join them, November 15, 6:00 pm, Ramsey Center
December 4, Living Windows – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

John Parker Lecture Series: Dr. Larry Brown

Known in this community for his tenure as a MU Assistant Professor of Human Geography, **Dr. Larry Brown** is also an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). His lecture will consider the contemporary difficulty of being a part of the historic mainline tradition of Protestant Christianity in the USA. Entitled “**Being Christian in America (and not white christian nationalist)**”, this lecture will emphasize two main topics: 1) strategies for maintaining healthy Christianity in the current political atmosphere, and 2) theological and social importance of the values promoted by the teachings of Jesus for modern life. For more information, please pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center, and join us on **November 10th at 6:30pm (social time) and 7pm (Lecture).**

 Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for weekly updates, playlists, and Online Worship: @fpccolumbia


SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026, Sanctuary

*denotes a request for all who are able to stand

GREETING Rev. Dr. Kati Collins
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Allan Moore
ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY Jesus, Lover of My Soul LARRY SHACKLEY
*CALL TO WORSHIP Betsy Garrett
One: Jesus called to the people from the mountain, “You are the salt of the earth.”
All: We gather to savor the moment and soften our hearts.
One: Jesus calls across time and space to us, saying, “You are the light of the world.”
All: We gather to recharge and remember Christ’s teaching as we wait for the kingdom of God to be revealed.
One: The voice of Jesus whispers to us through our neighbors, “whenever you show compassion to those in need, you show compassion to me.”
All: We gather with thanksgiving in our hearts, ready to be surprised by the coming of Jesus in our midst.
*SONG OF PRAISE #744 Arise, Your Light is Come! DUCK/WALTER
CALL TO CONFESSION Betsy Garrett
One: Just as salt brings out the true flavor, and as light reveals the hidden, we answer the call of Jesus by first acknowledging our own sins.
All: We gather in honesty to admit our own contributions to the pain and suffering in the world. Lord, have mercy on us.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
(quiet prayers of confession)

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Dr. Kati Collins

One: Jesus said, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

All: Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock,” we won’t fall apart because we are built on the faith of Christ.

One: For Christ meets us in our weakness, and justifies us with grace. Friends, receive the gift of grace and forgiveness today.

All: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #33 Praise the Lord! God’s Glories LYTE/WILLIAMS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Show Audra West

Children are invited forward as the congregation sings the chorus of **“This Little Light of Mine”**. After the message, children 2nd grade and younger are invited to go to the Early Childhood Center for their 2nd hour lesson or care.

CHORAL ANTHEM The Kingdom of God STEPHEN L. LAWRENCE

Blessed are the humble. Blessed are the meek and lowly. Blessed are those who mourn, and those who long to be just and good. And to those with mercy, shall mercy be shown. They shall know the kingdom of God. Blessed are those whose hearts are righteous. Blessed are those who strive for peace. O blessed are the persecuted, theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And to those who suffer, blessed be their reward. They shall know the kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:14-18 & 4:4-9 Rev. Dr. Kati Collins

SERMON “Let Your Light Shine”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION 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.

CALL TO OFFERING Betsy Garrett

OFFERTORY For the Fruit of All Creation MAUREEN HOWELL

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GENEVAN PSALTER
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Betsy Garrett

*SENDING HYMN #762 When the Poor Ones OLIVAR/MANZANO

*CHARGE Rev. Dr. Kati Collins

One: May God, the Almighty, guide us to become a beacon of hope

All: A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.

One: May Jesus, the Vulnerable, keep our hearts open and willing.

All: Together, by grace, we witness and work.

One: May Spirit, the Comforter, help us to let love shine through,

All: Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

SUNG BENEDICTION #767 vs. 1 Together We Serve DAMON

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.

POSTLUDE The Spirit of Joy DAVID PAXTON

Today we will have a time of reflection and offering. Please assist the ushers by passing the plate on to your neighbor. You may also give online by using this QR code or going to www.fpcolumbia.org/give-online. You may choose General Operations of the church or any of our special funds. Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts make a difference!



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