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Reformation Sunday  
Sunday, October 25, 2026

# LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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## Announcements

- Today we welcome back piper **Diron Cundiff**. Please see the bulletin insert for a full bio.
- **The deadline is today!** This spring, our congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a **church-wide retreat** in Montreat, NC, the weekend of April 30 - May 2. We will be staying adjacent to the Montreat Conference Center property in the William Black Lodge, giving us access to all the beauty that Montreat has to offer. The Lodge has available rooms to accommodate individuals, roommates, couples, and families with children. Registration forms can be found in the Commons. Please return your completed form to the church office, along with a \$100 deposit per room or family earmarked as "Church Retreat". We look forward to seeing you all in Montreat!
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. All are welcome!
- A time capsule, buried in 1976 containing items from First Presbyterian Church, inspired this year's **Stewardship Campaign**, "Stewardship Past, Present, and Future...Glancing Back, Forging Ahead." Join us each Sunday of the next three weeks as we revisit Stewardship in the PAST using elements of a 1976 worship service on November 1, examine Stewardship TODAY on November 8, and glimpse into Stewardship in the FUTURE with our youth on November 15. The challenge this year is to forge ahead, growing our outreach to the community, and the involvement and support of our congregation.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

*Traditional Scottish Tune*

Diron Cundiff, piper

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### THE GREETING

*At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship.*

### INTROIT

Lead me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness

Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(1810-1876)

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,  
Make Thy way plain before my face.  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Renee Schuette

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;**

**come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of creation, you have made us to be nourished in your care. Show us how to love our neighbors and ourselves. Teach us to delight in your law so that we will know the way of gratitude and thanksgiving. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me

*Bunessan*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 100.

#### Hymn 702 Note:

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a lorica, from a Latin word for “breastplate” or “armor.” It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

\*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

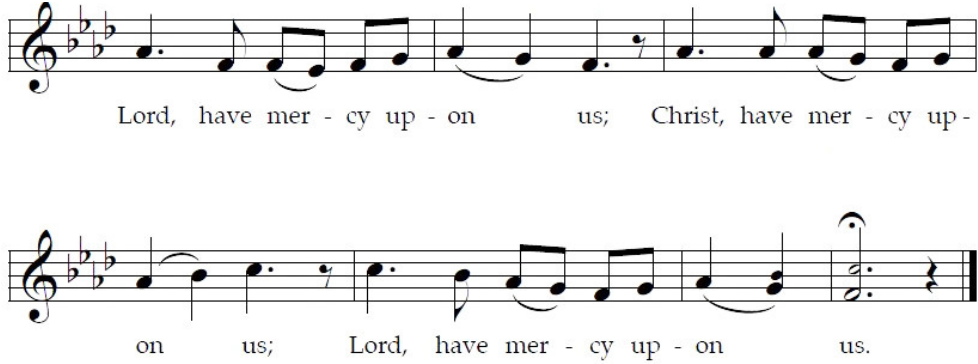
Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

## KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

*Kyrie Eleison*



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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

*S Selvidge Street*



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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# CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup> “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> For you yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. <sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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## ANTHEM

I'd Rather Have Jesus

arr. Kay Hawkes Goodyear

James Hoskins, solo

*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold.  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold.  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land.  
I'd rather be true to His nail-pierced hand;  
Than to be the king of a vast domain,  
And be held in sin's dread sway.  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.*

*I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause.  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause.  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.  
I'd rather be true to His holy name.  
Than to be the king of a vast domain.  
And be held in sin's dread sway.  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

NRSVUE

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> “The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

<sup>45</sup> “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Love Your Neighbor”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

*Llangloffan*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From *The Confession of Belbar*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; ...
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;
  - \* in that we love one another;
  - \* that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
  - \* that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; ...
  - \* together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;
  - \* that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; ...

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

### 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.

### THE OFFERING & RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Please place this week's page of the Friendship Register in the plate, along with your tithes and offerings, so that we may keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.*

*You may also give online at [www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/](http://www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/)*

### THE OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

*New Britain*

Diron Cundiff, piper

### Hymn 756 Note:

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

### Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering or scan the QR code below.



### Hymn 100 Note:

Canticle of the Turning  
By employing an energetic Irish folksong for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the Magnificat, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## \*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

*Star of the County Down*

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Traditional*

**God be with you till we meet again;**

**By His counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With His sheep securely fold you;**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

## \*POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave

*Traditional Scottish Tune*

Diron Cundiff, piper

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date  | Liturgist      | Ushers                    | Flower Guild      |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 10/25 | Renee Schuette | Berrien Long & Mary Hubbs | Mary Ellen Gurley |
| 11/1  | Judi McPherson | Ted & Stephanie Hogshead  | Becky Jolly       |
| 11/8  | Jean Lowrey    | Rob & Michelle Lively     | Robyn Bryant      |

MONTHLY

| Communion<br>November 1<br>(All Saints Day) |                                                         | Congregational Care |                  | Little Free<br>Pantry Pal |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Prep                                        | Carol Houston                                           | October             | Annelle Hogshead | October                   | Kathryn Sellers & Laura Allgood |
| Servers                                     | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Hilliard & Becky Jolly & Bob Hubbs | November            | Joanne Lewis     | November                  | Mary Hubbs & Valerie George     |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| Date  | Joy Makers<br>(PreK- 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) | Faith Builders<br>(4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> ) | Youth Connect<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> ) | Adult               |
|-------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10/25 | Leanna Granillo & Laura Goins          | Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo                            | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot & Grace Johnson                    | Jean Lowrey         |
| 11/1  | Alice Ensley & O'Gwins                 | Grace Johnson & Kayte Crocker                          | Rob & Michelle Lively                                  | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot |
| 11/8  | Youth Connect Service Project          | Youth Connect Service Project                          | Rob & Michelle Lively                                  | Hilliard Jolly      |

**Diron Cundiff bio:** Diron Cundiff was born and raised in Aubrey, Texas; a small town north of Dallas.

After graduating nursing school in 2006 he joined the Navy and was active from 2006- 2011. He served at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Maryland and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. In November 2011, after his active-duty time was completed, he moved to Signal Mountain, TN and has called it home ever since. There he joined the Navy Reserves and after 19 years of service, he retired on July 1, 2026. He now works as a RN at McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN.

Diron started playing bagpipes after going to his first Scottish Highland Games in

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 25

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship - Reformation  
Sunday  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Fellowship  
Lunch  
11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 26

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, October 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

Christian Education  
Team Meeting  
5:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

Knitting Group  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship - All Saints  
10:30 a.m.  
Elder Training  
11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 2

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, November 3

Saturday Sacks  
10:30 a.m.  
Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

the Summer of 1997 and has enjoyed them ever since. He is a current member of the Chattanooga Pipe Band, competing in many of the Scottish Games throughout the Southeast US.

He is married to Jeni Yielding, originally from Monroe, Louisiana They have one son, 18 year old Satchel, who will graduate from Chattanooga Christian School in May 2027.

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# PRAYERS

## For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:

*Jean Strain;*  
*Muriel Phillips;*  
*John Law;*  
*Anne Sims;*  
*Stan Crawford;*  
*Charles Allgood;*  
*Wayne Alderman;*

## For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

*Janice Sims;*  
*Bjorn Jiskoot;*  
*Peggy Rollins;*  
*Sue Spivey;*  
*Walter Jones;*  
*Nancy Rhine;*

## For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

*Nicole Jiskoot, Jon Ballast and family;*  
*Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;*  
*Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;*  
*Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;*  
*Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;*  
*Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;*

## For the Larger Community and the World:

*Ken McKenzie;*  
*Pete Wilson;*  
*Arden Brown;*  
*Those affected by climate disasters;*  
*Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;*  
*The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;*  
*The victims of gun violence;*  
*Caregivers and aging parents.*

## Praises and Continuing Prayers:

*For expectant mothers: Hye Jeong Kwon, Lucy Partain Brown and Emma Ensley;*  
*For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.*