

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) | Hymnal, pg. 15

† EUCHARISTIC HYMN

“One Bread, One Body” (Insert)

EUCHARIST

The Eucharist liturgy is included in the insert and on page 13 in the Hymnal

SENDING

OFFERING

† DOXOLOGY (592)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us
with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have;
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

† CLOSING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” | No. 442

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

Liturgist | Nancy Matis

Music Director | Mark Brooks

Guest Organist | Adam Rodgers

Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste

Ushers | Jane Lewis & Jane Cerbie

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
October 4, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets

618-465-3592

Office Hours Mon-Fri

9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study
Library

10:00 Worship
Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup’s On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | *Music Room*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has delivered us from slavery;
there is no other god but the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

“Come, Great God of All the Ages” | No. 132

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we may be raised to new life with him though faith in the power of God. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
After the Peace, the children will be blessed and sent to Children’s Church.

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts - a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,12-20 | Pg. 66 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

(Insert)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14 | Pg. 198 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46 | Pg. 24 (Pew Bible)
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

ANTHEM

“Make Us One” | Dello Thedford