

NEWSLETTER

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WAYS WE WORSHIP

The people of First Presbyterian Church know how to retreat from the hustle and bustle of life. A number of you own campers or cottages up north. I applaud you for the regularity that you use them.

Worship can be a retreat. Jesus used the hilltops and the Temple as His places of retreat. Our Lord was often in the Temple preaching and teaching, and no doubt, also worshipping.

All Israelite people were expected to worship at the Temple at least once in their lifetime. Many Israelites made trips to the Temple annually. And while walking the many miles to the Temple, they did not wait until they arrived at the Temple to worship the Lord. The people worshiped God as they walked! Some of the songs that the Israelites sang are preserved in the Bible and are called "*Psalms of Ascent*." There are 15 *Psalms of Ascent* in the Bible. To ascend means "*to go up*." The Temple was located on top of a mountain ridge. So, as worshipers walked up that mountain ridge to reach the Temple, they sang "*Psalms of Ascent*."

Here are the 15 *Psalms of Ascent*, and a word or two describing the content of each *Psalm of Ascent*."

- Psalm 120 - distress
- Psalm 121 - praise
- Psalm 122 - joy
- Psalm 123 - mercy
- Psalm 124 - salvation
- Psalm 125 - God's peace
- Psalm 126 - the future
- Psalm 127 - trust in God
- Psalm 129 - God's victory.
- Psalm 130 - hope in God
- Psalm 131 - trust in God
- Psalm 133 - unity in God
- Psalm 134 - power of God's word

Those are emotions we feel too! Do you ever feel like singing? Like God's chosen people, the ancient Israelites, we can sing and worship God while we are in motion, mowing the lawn, walking the dog, washing dishes and folding laundry!

Pastor Bill Wright

PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

September 2025



Prayer Requests

Barb Yager and family in the recent passing of her husband.

Cindy Gardner - recent hospitalization due to fall resulting in fracture to lower back. Cindy will be in McKenzie Rehab until she is able to return home w/care.

The family of the 3 girls lost in a tragic house fire in Carsonville last week.

On going wars in the world.

Those in our church family and our community going through difficult times.

Those suffering from weather related damage and loss.

Families and victims of violence and other crimes.

Our country and our government.

September Quotes

Positive September Quotes to Say Hello to the Fall

"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn." – Rowland E. Robinson

"That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ... Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer." – Wallace Stegner

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." – F. Scott Fitzgerald

"There comes a day each September when you wake up and know the summer is over and fall has arrived. The slant of the sun looks different and something is in the air — a coolness, a hint of frosty mornings to follow." – Ann Rinaldi

"Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking." – Zig Ziglar

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you." – Walt Whitman

"Life is like a wheel. Sooner or later, it always comes around to where you started again." – Stephen King

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple." – J.K. Rowling

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." – Henry David Thoreau

Happy September Quotes

"I love September, especially when we're in it." – Willie Stargell

"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." – Virginia Woolf

"A positive attitude awakens inner strength, energy, motivation, and initiative." – Remez Sasson

"Every morning, I start off with a good head on my shoulders, saying to myself, 'It's going to be a good day!'" – Lindsay Lohan

"Smile in the mirror. Do that every morning and you'll start to see a big difference in your life." – Yoko Ono

"Happy September! Let's make the most of this beautiful month."

Motivational Quotes for the Fall Season

"We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer's wreckage. We will welcome summer's ghost." – Henry Rollins

"The windows are open, admitting the September breeze: a month that smells like notepaper and pencil shavings, autumn leaves and car oil. A month that smells like progress, like moving on." – Lauren Oliver

"In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year: The kids go back to school, work piles up after the summer's dog days, and Thanksgiving is suddenly upon us." – Brené Brown

"As the alluring song of September begins to whisper in my ear, my passionate spirit yearns for the splendor of its promise." – Peggy Toney Horton

"The old summer's-end melancholy nips at my heels. There's no school to go back to; no detail of my life will change come the onset of September; yet still, I feel the old trepidation." – Sara Baume

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." – Eleanor Roosevelt

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!" – Winnie the Pooh

"To be successful, one must take chances." – Willie Stargell

"Once you can express yourself, you can tell the world what you want from it." – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"Fallen leaves on the ground are the golden song of immortal creativity." – Amit Ray

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment." – Buddha

Quotes About Nature in September

"Happily, we bask in the warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures." – Henry David Thoreau

"September is the month of maturity; the heaped basket and the garnered sheaf. It is the month of climax and completion. September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth and color. It glows like old amber." – Patience Strong

"Everyone must make time to sit and watch the leaves change." – Elizabeth Lawrence

"Outside the leaves on the trees constricted slightly; they were the deep done green of

"The question is not what you look at, but what you see." – Henry David Thoreau

"I guess I'm just feeling all September-ish ... All the trees change color; the days get very clear—with little smoke on the horizon from burning leaves. Pumpkins begin to come out." – George Selden

"And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn awakened." – Raquel Franco

Why we celebrate Labor Day and the meaning behind it

You probably associate [Labor Day](#) with sales, family barbecues and the unofficial end of summer. For most Americans, the long weekend is a much-needed opportunity to reconnect with friends and family and provides a last hurrah before the start of fall.

But Monday's holiday holds a much deeper meaning, rooted in the 19th century fight for fair working conditions. Labor Day was originally designed to honor workers as part of the [American organized labor movement](#).

When Labor Day started

Labor Day was first celebrated unofficially by labor activists and individual states in the late 1800s, [according to the US Department of Labor](#). New York was the first state to introduce a bill recognizing Labor Day, but Oregon was the first to actually codify it into law in 1887. Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York had followed suit by the end of 1887.

[Joshua Freeman](#), a labor historian and professor emeritus at the City University of New York, tells CNN that the holiday developed as unions were beginning to strengthen again after the 1870s recession.

In New York City, two events converged that contributed to the formation of Labor Day, Freeman says. First, the now-defunct Central Labor Union was formed as a “umbrella body” for unions across trades and ethnic groups. Additionally, the Knights of Labor, then the largest national labor convention, held a convention in the city, complete with a large parade. But the parade fell on a Tuesday at the start of September – and many workers were unable to attend.

The convention was a huge success, and unions around the country started holding their own labor celebrations at the start of September, usually on the first Monday of the month.

At the beginning, “it was a somewhat daring move to participate, because you could get yourself fired,” Freedman said. But over time, states began to recognize the holiday, and it became more common for employers to give their employees the day off.

It wasn't until June 28, 1894 that Congress passed an act naming the first day of September a legal holiday called Labor Day.

Freeman says that earlier that year, President Grover Cleveland sent in the military to squash [the Pullman railway strike](#). Cleveland pushed through legislation to recognize Labor Day just days after the strike ended, in a “gesture towards organized labor,” Freeman said.

What Labor Day means

At the time Labor Day was formed, unions were fighting for “very specific improvements in their working conditions,” Freeman said. Workers were fighting hard for the eight-hour work day most workers enjoy today. And Labor Day was an opportunity for them to come together to discuss their priorities – and for the country to acknowledge the contributions workers make to society.

But there was also a more radical political thread to the Labor Day celebration, Freeman says. The Knights of Labor were exploring the idea that “what we call the capitalist or industrial system was fundamentally exploitative,” he said. “It introduced kind of inequities and inequalities, not just in wealth, but also in power. So they wanted a greater say in society for working people.”

“Back when Labor Day began, there were a lot of voices that were fundamentally challenging this emerging system,” Freeman added. Labor leaders at the time advocated for alternatives to the “capitalist wage system,” like collective ownership of corporations or socialism.

“I think most people just think of Labor Day as the end of summer holiday,” Freeman said. “It's not really associated with its origins that much.”

SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1

Chicken Boy's Day
Great Bathtub Race Day
Labor Day
National No Rhyme (nor Reason) Day
Random Acts of Kindness Day

Sept. 2

World Coconut Day
National No Patrick Day

Sept. 3

Pressed Pennies Day
Skyscraper Day

Sept. 4

National Spice Day

Sept. 5

Be Late For Something Day
National Lazy Mom's Day
Bring Your Manners To Work Day

Sept. 6

National Play Outside Day
World Beard Day

Sept. 7

Grandma Moses Day
Grandparent's Day
National Pastor's Spouses Day
Neither Snow nor Rain Day
Salami Day

Sept. 8

Star Trek Day
Virgin Mary Day
Boss/Employee Exchange Day

Sept. 9

Ants On A Log Day
Care Bears Share Your Care Day
National Teddy Bear Day
Opposite Day

Sept. 10

National TV Dinner Day
Swap Ideas Day

Sept. 11

Libraries Remember Day
National School Picture Day
Remember Freedom Day

Sept. 12

Cloud Appreciation Day

Sept. 13

Uncle Sam Day
Bald Is Beautiful Day
Hug Your Boss Day
Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day
Scooby-Doo Day

Sept. 14

National Hug Your Hound Day
National Kreme Filled Donut Day

Sept. 15

Felt Hat Day
National Cheese Toast Day
National Day of the Cowgirl
Respect for the Aged Day

Sept. 16

National Stepfamily Day
Stay Away From Seattle Day
World Play-doh Day

Sept. 17

Citizenship Day
International Country Music Day
Time's Up Day

Sept. 18

International Day of Listening
National Cheeseburger Day
National Respect Day

Sept. 19

"Talk Like A Pirate Day

Sept. 20

Locate An Old Friend Day
Mayflower Day
National Clean Up Day
National Pepperoni Pizza Day
National String Cheese Day
World Clean-up Day

Sept. 21

International Day of Peace
Wife Appreciation Day

Sept. 22

Autumn Equinox (8:17 pm)
Dear Diary Day
Elephant Appreciation Day
Hobbit Day

Family Day

Ice Cream Cone Day

Sept. 23

National Snack Stick Day
National woman Road Warrior Day
Innergize Day
Great American Pot Pie Day

Sept. 24

Punctuation Day

Sept. 25

Math Story Telling Day
National Daughters Day
National Lobster Day
National One-Hit Wonder Day

Sept. 26

Forget-Me-Not Day
Johnny Appleseed Day
National Dumpling Day
National Bakery Day

Sept. 27

Crush A Can Day
Fish Amnesty Day
National Scarf Day
R.E.A.D. in American Day

Sept. 28

Happy Daughters Day
Right To Know Day
National Good Neighbor Day

Sept. 29

National Coffee Day
National Biscotti Day
Silent Movie Night
VFW Day

Sept. 30

National Love People Day
National Mulled Cider Day
Orange Shirt Day

WEEK EVENTS

Wk.1 Play Wk
Popcorn Wk
Mushroom Wk
Wk 2 Line Dance Wk
National Waffle Wk
Celebrate Community Wk
Wk 3 National Guitar Flat-Picking Wk
Hummingbird Celebration Wk
Wk.4 Sea Otter Awareness Wk
National Fall Foliage Wk

MONTHLY EVENTS

Eat Chicken Month
Fall Hat Month
Library Card Sign-Up Month
National Bake & Decorate Month
National Cheese Month
National Mulled Cider Month
National Save A Tiger Month
National Shake Month (Ice Cream)
National Taco Month
One-on-One Month
International Women's Friendship Month
National Fruits and Veggies Month

From your little Library on the corner....

“I hear the hoofbeats of the Four Horsemen approaching!” Who knows better than Billy Graham what is going on in today’s world. *Approaching Hoofbeats* compares the Book of Revelation with the current state of world affairs. It is hard to put down! (Note: The book was written in 1983.) From *Approaching Hoofbeats: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, by Billy Graham. (Gray dot)

Here is the entire story of the Bible, from Abraham wandering in the desert to Jesus teaching the multitudes on a Judean hillside. Reading like a great historical novel, this book dramatizes the sweep of biblical events, making the men and women of this ancient book come alive in vivid detail and dialogue. From *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel*, by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

This adventure story introduces young readers (ages 8-12) to Christian heroes of the past. In *The Mayflower Secret*, 13-year old Elizabeth Tilley and her family arrive in the New World and experience great hardship and challenges which will test her faith. From *The Mayflower Secret*, by Dave & Neta Jackson. (Red dot – Young Adults)

Hint: Rainy autumn days are good times to snuggle up with a good book!!



23rd Alexander Repp
24th Sally Pomeroy
26th Jim Weller
29th Amy Repp



9th Keely & Jayson Berry

UPCOMING EVENT: Soup Supper and Game Night at First Presbyterian Church, October 13, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Dates to Remember



SEPTEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6..
7. 10am Worship. Communion	8.	9. Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 pm Session Mtg. 7:pm	10.	11.	12.	13. Soup Supper & Game night 5 pm
14. 10 am Worship	15.	16.	17.	18. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	19.	20.
21. 10 am Worship	22.	23.	24.	24.	26.	27.
28. 10amWorship	29.	30.		.		

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65 Cooking Terms Word Search



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CLARIFY
COAT
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