



**Join us every Sunday:**

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

**All are Welcome!**

You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Our pastor will NEVER email or text you to randomly ask for personal information or request that you purchase items or send money. If you receive anything of this nature, please delete it immediately and let the office know.

**Bible Study Is Back on Saturday Mornings**

Jeri Ball Snider will resume her Bible Study on “The Chosen” (Part 2) Saturday September 6th at 11am in Mattox Hall. Workbooks will be available. Please see Jeri for more information.



**Tuesday Morning Devotional Group**

The Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom. To join the group, contact Sharon or Bob Perkinson at [perkinshar@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinshar@yahoo.com) or [perkinbob@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinbob@yahoo.com).

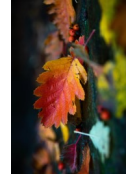
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*God's Children, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace*

A Message from the Pastor

September 2025

*It has finally cooled down. Schools are in session, and all those lunchboxes, thermoses, and water bottles that we collected for Mercer County Schools have made it to their destination – along with a prayer that all students feel the love of God this year.*

*As the heat of summer leaves us, the leaves on the trees will start to change color, reminding us of the many changes in our lives – changes that come with the various seasons, not of the year, but of our lives. As fall approaches, let us remember to let go of the things that hold us back. Let go of beliefs that limit our ability to love and care for others. Let go of old habits and behaviors that hold you back, remembering that in order to learn more and do more, we first must let go of our old way of life and embrace change, so that new possibilities can take root.*

*Jesus reminded us of the importance of letting go when He reinterpreted scripture. He released the old notion that the sabbath rules were meant to prevent work and established a new understanding of the sabbath as not only a time to rest and worship, but also a time to demonstrate mercy and love. He preached releasing our worries, trusting that God will make sure that our needs are met. He declared the need not for retribution, but for mercy when one is wronged. This fall, let us embrace these changes, these new interpretations of old traditions.*

*Pastor Victoria Krebs*



## Session Stream

**Thank you, first, for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Clerk of Session. I hope and pray that it is a successful service to our church. Thank you to Pastor Victoria and PSC, “Past Session Clerk” Becky, for their support and encouragement, putting me in this position. Seriously, I will do my best to serve the session and the business of our church, First Presbyterian Bluefield. Becky will be a hard Session Clerk to follow. She continues to give encouragement and information that I will need to keep the Session and Church informed.**

**Session met on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and accepted the church budget for the 2025 year, which will be presented at the Congregational Meeting Sept. Seventh.**

**The Presbytery has a new communications person who will be looking for interesting stories from churches, about what the churches are doing. We may want to keep this in mind and possibly participate if we are doing a church project.**

**The lunch boxes and thermoses were delivered and much appreciated.**

**The church picnic at the Dodson Cabin was a huge success. Terry gave her thanks to all those who helped.**

**A request has been made to use our facilities for a 70<sup>th</sup>. Birthday Party. The session approved, with cleaning expectations to be agreed upon by the user.**

**There will be training for Session members on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Details will be worked out at our next meeting. Next Session meeting will be Sept. 18. At 6:30.**

**Respectfully submitted, in Christian LOVE  
Ken Valko**