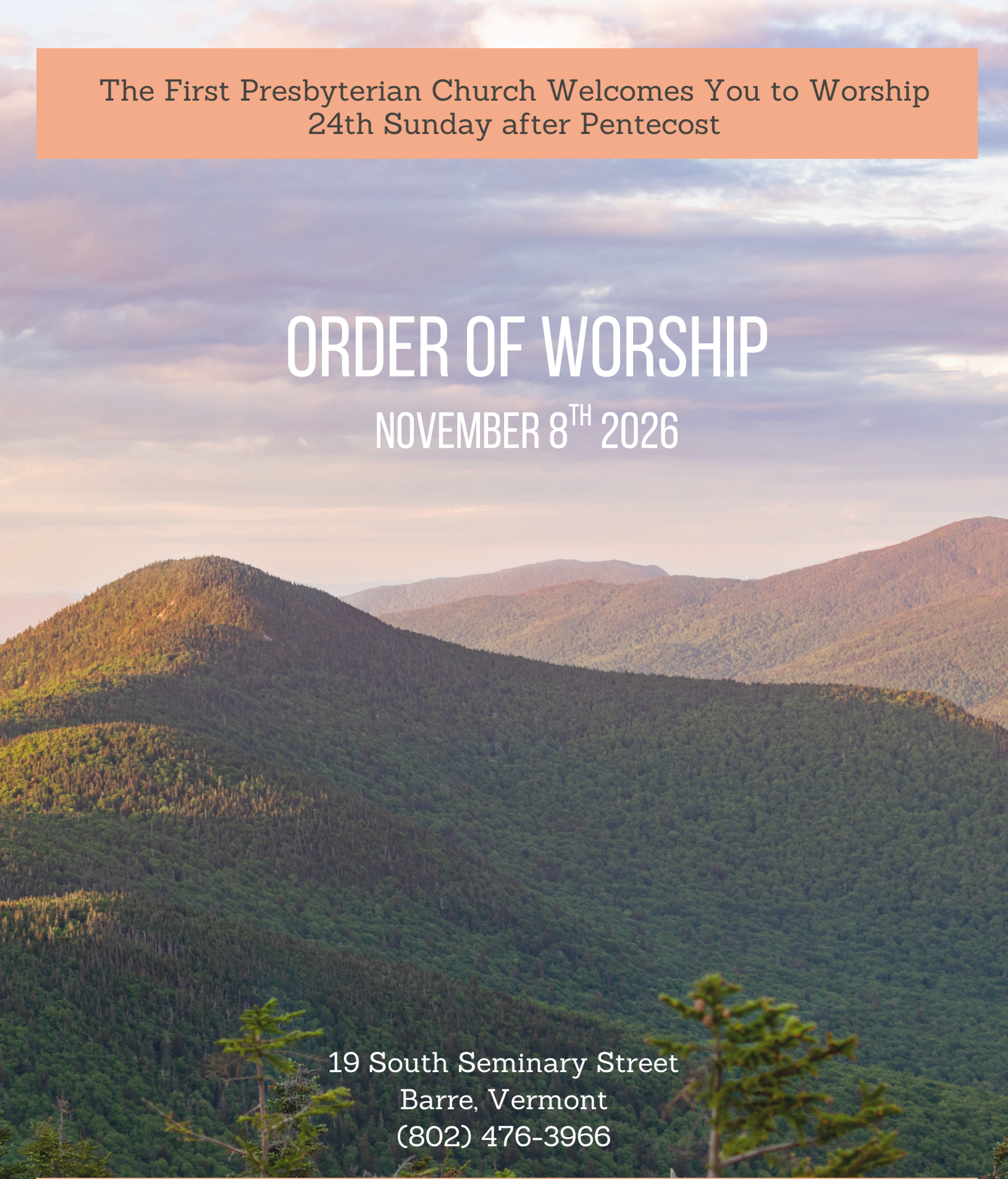
The First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You to Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8TH 2026



19 South Seminary Street
Barre, Vermont
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We are glad you are here. You are a beloved child of God. Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in thought, word, and deed.

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This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.
Hymns today are from the Glory to God purple hymnal

Abenaki Land acknowledgement, welcome and announcements (see insert), pastor greeting, and visitor cards.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth
We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
We come together to worship the living God.

***Opening Hymn No.#175 Seek Ye First**

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.



Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

(Silent confession of personal sins)

Leader: Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregational response **Hymn No. #582 Glory to God (1st verse)**

Passing of the Peace

Please greet one another with “Peace be with you” and you may respond “And also with you.”

Forgiveness from Jesus Christ brings Peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)

Prayer for Illumination

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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LISTENING

Scripture Lessons Amos 5:18-24 Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Stay Awake" Rev. Dwight McCormick

Meditation music

RESPONDING

Affirmation of faith (from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Moment for Stewardship Reminder

Call for the offering
The gifts of God are abundant, and we have received far more than we know. Out of gratitude and with hope, let us bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us as we wait for the day of Christ's appearance in our midst.

Prayer of dedication
We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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Hymn No. #350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
Traditional prayer found on p.35 of Glory to God hymnal-
Please use Mother in place of Father if that language is closer to your heart.

***Closing Hymn No.#792 There Is a Balm in Gilead**

Benediction
As we go forth from this place; as our service of worship comes to an end, may our lives of worship and service begin anew. May the Spirit draw us forth and unite us with all those who eagerly await the coming of the Lord. May our work as we watch and wait always be pleasing to the one who loves us beyond all measure. Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude
***Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.**

Thanks to Alison Cerutti for the beautiful worship music.
Thanks to Cathy Jamison for helping us lead in worship this morning.

Today's liturgy provided by PCUSA.org
Curated by Matthew A. Rich

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Announcements

November 15 -During worship we are invited to place our pledge cards for 2027 in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Barre. We are thankful for the generosity of everyone here-you are invited to share how much you plan to contribute financially, ways you plan to offer your time to serve, and any gifts you have for helping others in the name of Jesus Christ you'd like to give through First Presbyterian Church

Pie fixings due for Thanksgiving Food Collection for Central VT Foster Families: (fillings and crust mixes or shells, condensed milk depending on type of pie)
Committee Chairs, please submit your proposed 2027 budget requests by Sunday November 15th. Please email the requests to Pastor Dwight at fpcbarrepastor@gmail.com AND Finance Chair Jamiesoncathy@hotmail.com. Thank you!

November 21 - Scottish Tea and Food Sale (10am)

To Keep in Prayer
We pray for people in our congregation each week. This week please pray for **Bruce Donovan.**

Gracious God, thank you that we get to serve alongside Bruce. Please surround him with your steadfast love and empower his relationships with gentleness, humor, love, and respect. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Gracious God, thank you for the **Bedford Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Dr. John Sawye**r. Please continue to empower them by your Holy Spirt. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd - Maurice Fortier
6th - Joseph Casadonte
8th - Rev Dwight McCormick
9th - Julie Atwood
10th - Jean Milne
11th - Neil Aschnewitz
13th - Martha Macdonald
14th - Elizabeth Hellinger
15th - Linda Aschnewitz
15th - Tyler Nichols-Fleming
19th - Andy Kulich
20th - Cathy Frey
23rd - Angela Leighty
24th - Tom Koch
24th - Josh LaFlower
26th - Judy Johnson

Anniversaries

1st - Sue and Rob Strachan
27th - Linda and Russ Loomis
29th – Sharon and Ken Lunde

