



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

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The Chiming of the Hour  
Prelude

“Adagio Cantabile”

Beethoven  
arr. Parker

Welcome and Announcements  
Choral Call to Worship  
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

“When Peace like a River”

VILLE DU HAVRE

Call to Worship from Mark 9  
The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**  
The last are first in the realm of God;  
**The least are welcomed in Jesus’ name.**  
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 702

“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. Moment for Silent Meditation.**

Congregational Prayer Response: *“Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease. Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.” from Hymn # 444 (vs 1,4)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem

“Seek the Lord”

Carter

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

**Hebrew Scripture:** Jeremiah 11:18-20 (p. 670)

**Psalter:** Psalm 54 (p. 494)

**New Testament:** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (p. 216-217)

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37 (p. 42)

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Arguing for First”

Reverend B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+The Gloria Patri, # 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Brother James’ Air  
arr. Rodriguez

+Doxology # 606

**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. Amen.**

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+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.**

## SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print.**

## Prayer Concerns

**Sandra Mims**

*Health Concerns*

**Jon & Dorothy Fortman**

*Health Concerns*

**Toni Oakes**

*(Ed Oakes’ Sister)*

*Health Concerns*

**Ginny Oakes**

*(Ed Oakes’ Mother)*

*Health Concerns*

**Bonnie Boyd**

*Health Concerns*

**Allison L. Jones**

*(Scott Jones’ Mother)*

*Health Concerns*

**Sherri Musgrove**

*(Friend of Anna Jones)*

*Breast Cancer*

**Amy Sullivan**

*(Pam Sullivan’s Daughter-In-Law)*

*Health Concerns*

**Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)**

*(Holly Longton’s Great Niece)*

*Cancer Diagnosis*

**Chris Geuder**

*(Son of Rod & Maridith Geuder)*

*Health Concerns*

**Ronnie Richardson**

*(Taylor Richardson’s Father)*

*Health Concerns*

**The Alexander Family**

*(Friend of Amanda Bowen)*

*In the loss of Jessica Alexander*

**Desiree Krieger**

*Recovery from back surgery*

**Patty Jones Family**

*Prayer Concerns for Family*

**The Harrington/Griffin Family**

*In the loss of Hope Oakes Aunt*

*Betty Harrington Griffin*

**The Crusoe Family**

*In the loss of Carlos Rayshaun Crusoe, Jr.*

*(Glenda Kay Crusoe’s Great Nephew)*

**The Family of James Pope**

*(Family Friend)*

*Prayer Request*

*Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.*

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

**We welcome you to  
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshippers (birth through five years old).

**Restrooms** are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

**Today  
18th Sunday  
after Pentecost (Proper 20)**

8:30 a.m.  
Session Meeting  
  
9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
  
9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
  
11:00 a.m.  
Worship  
  
Christian Education Meeting following worship  
  
5:00 p.m.  
"What Presbyterians Believe" Class

**Tuesday**  
7:30 p.m.  
FPC Softball Game

**Wednesday**  
12:30 p.m.  
Bible Study

**Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon  
  
6:00 p.m.  
FPC Softball Game

**Next Sunday  
19th Sunday  
after Pentecost (Proper 21)**

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
  
9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
  
11:00 a.m.  
Worship  
2 Cents A Meal Offering  
Fellowship Lunch  
(Shepherding Group 3)  
  
5:00 p.m.  
"What Presbyterians Believe" Class

**Helping Hands**  
Blankets  
Boxed Cereal  
Canned Chili, Beef Stew  
Canned Vegetables  
(NOT green beans or corn)  
Macaroni & Cheese

# Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Hope DeVenney, Clerk		
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Collene Albright-3	Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1
Hope Devenney-4	Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1
Taylor Richardson-2	Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2
Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

# Diaconate

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Dorothy Fortman-1	Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1
Hillary Richardson-3	Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1
Anna Jones -4	Sue Hatcher-3	

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 34

# Helping Hands

Thank you to all who have made donations towards the fan drive.  
Helping Hands has exceeded their expectations of donations.  
Thanks to the support of the community, Helping Hands is no longer in need of fans.  
Blankets will now be accepted in preparation for the cooler temperatures of fall and winter.  
New blankets may be dropped off in the education building.  
If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference Helping Hands-Blanket Drive.

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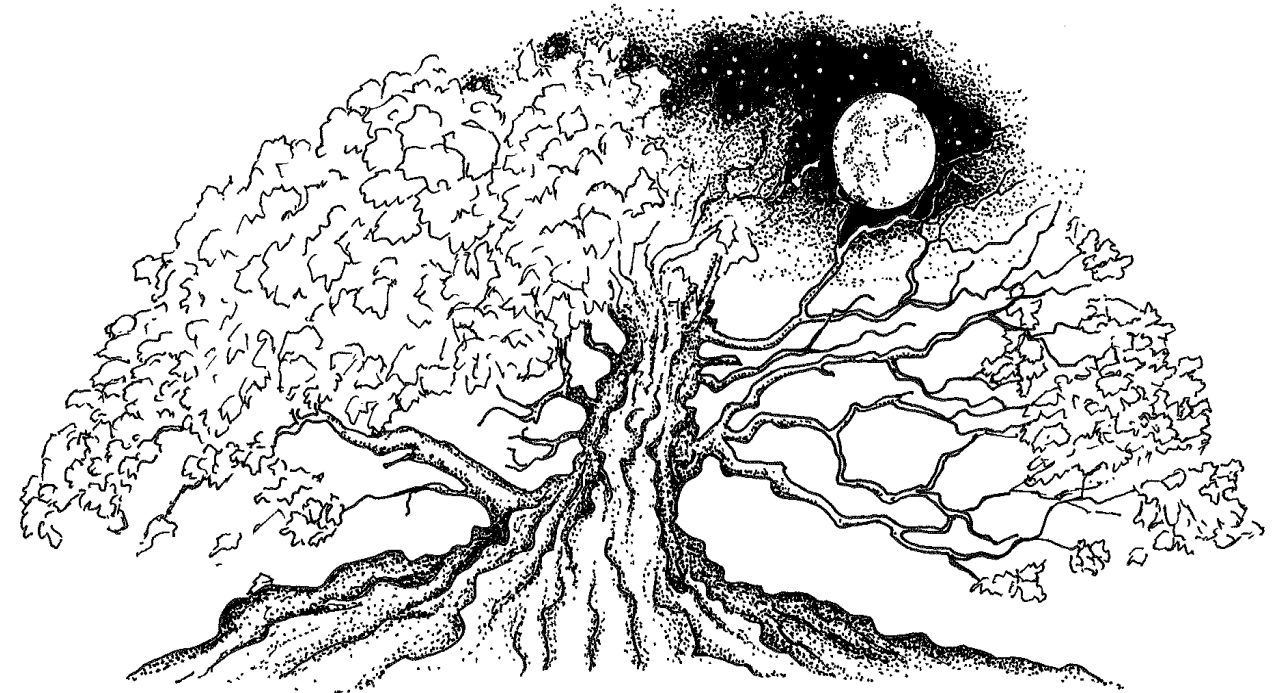
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# First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

## "Arguing for First"

Reverend B.J. Chain

September 22, 2024

