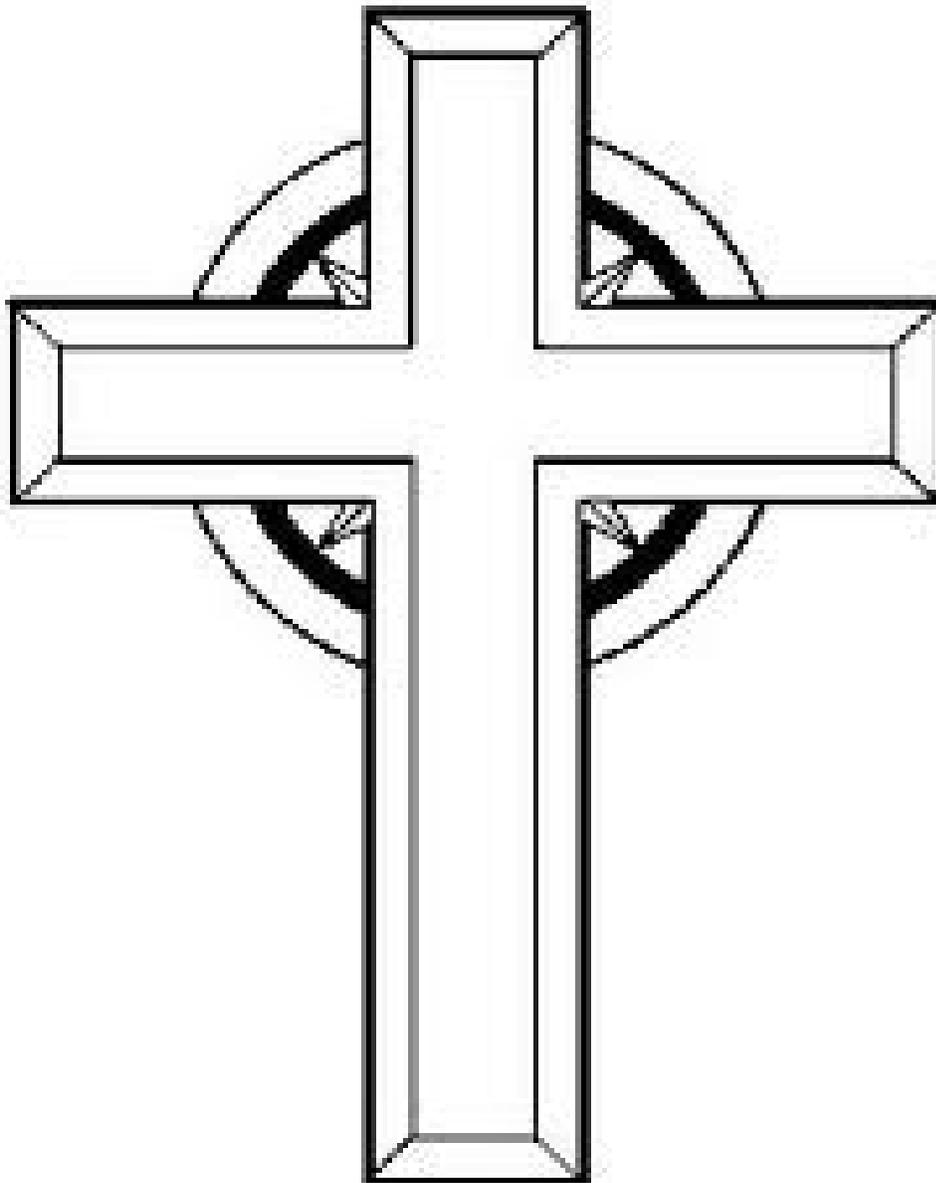


The First Word



**MARCH
2023**

March Lectionary

March 5
2nd Sunday in Lent
Gen. 12:1-4a and Ps. 121;
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 12
3rd Sunday in Lent
Ex. 17:1-7 and Ps. 95;
Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 19
4th Sunday in Lent
1 Sam. 16:1-13 and Ps. 23;
Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 26
5th Sunday in Lent
Ezek. 37:1-14 and Ps. 130; Rom.
8:6-11; John 11:1-45

First Word Reflection

March 2023

Re: Updates!

Happy March 2023 everyone! With the year moving right along, I wanted to (re)emphasize a couple of our most recent technological updates here on The Hilltop.

First, Thomas Richardson and I have released the first episode of our podcast, “The Pastor and the Poet.” Our first episode is with Dr. James Bowley, professor of religious studies at Millsaps, on the topic of theodicy. In the near future episodes we’ll be speaking with poet C.T. Salazar and Reverend Kalina Carlson about the topic of grief and her ministry focused on helping others through their own grief. We hope you’ll continue to tune-in and enjoy! *You can listen via Apple, Spotify, or in your web browser of choice through the church’s website.*

Additionally, the church’s online giving account is now ready for use! You can donate via the church website or by scanning the QR code below on your phone. We hope this will continue to be a more practical and accessible way to give for those who choose to use it.

Blessings,

BJ

Online Giving QR Code

First Presbyterian Church Mobile Code: LFNG2U





March Birthdays

Colton Merchant	March 4
Marthalie Porter	March 5
Anna Jones	March 6
Tom Richardson	March 8
Julian Gardner	March 12
Lola Gardner	March 12
Angela Gardner	March 13
Nate Conway	March 17
Jack Jones	March 17
Audrey Caldwell	March 20
Lacey Caldwell	March 20
Tom Hatcher	March 20

prayer
Requests



Diane Keen
(Carol Jones Sister)
Health Concerns

Brennen Bowen
Health Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes Sister)
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
Health Concerns

Bridgette Beinhaur
Ed Oakes Cousin
Health Concerns

The Revord Family
In the loss of
Mrs. Diana Revord

Kathy Goodwin
Surgery Recovery

Al Hatcher
Prayer Request

Emmagene Crunk
Health Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes Mother)
Prayer Request

Richard Brown
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones Mother)
Health Concerns

Sherri Musgrove
(Friend of Anna Jones)
Breast Cancer

Financial Information:

The information presented below reflects First Presbyterian Church finances as of February 28, 2023.

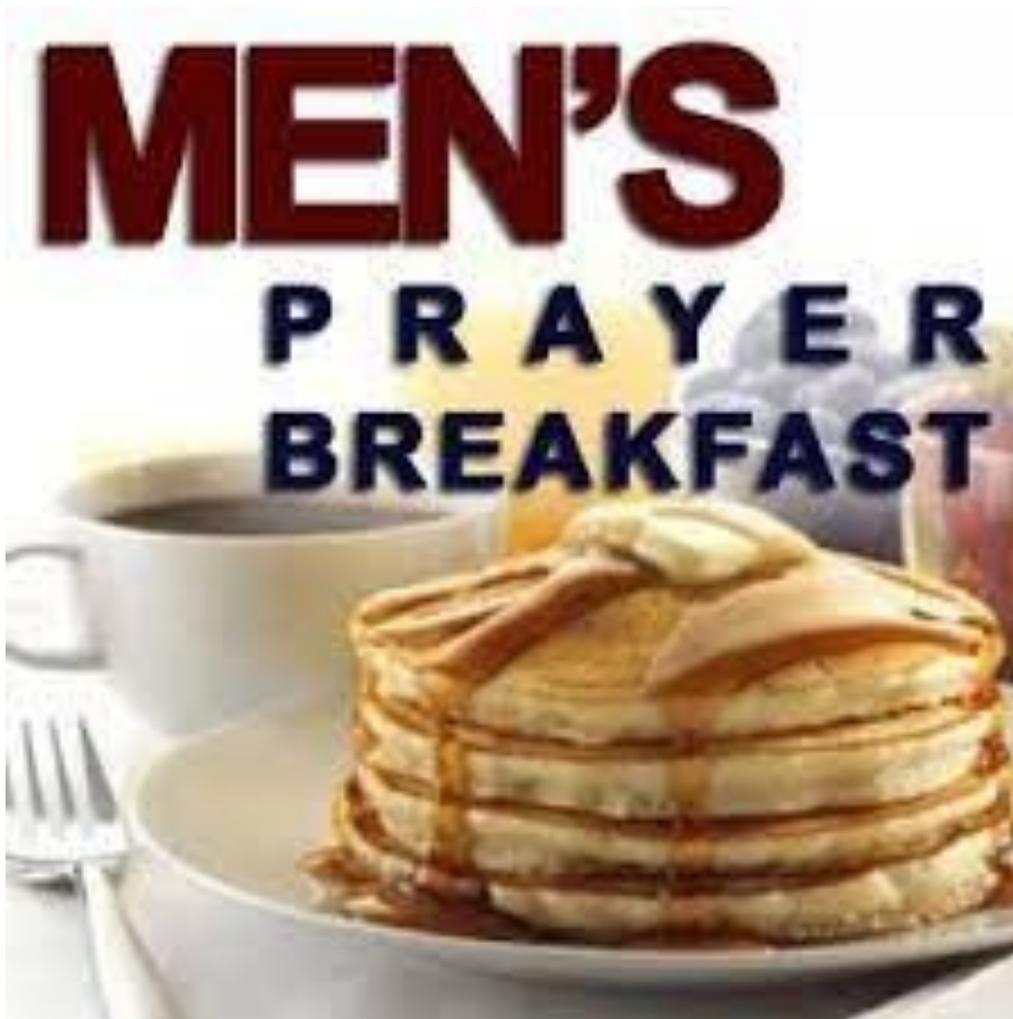
YTD Income:	\$32,220.90
YTD Expenses:	\$31,822.27
YTD Difference:	\$398.63
YTD Total Pledged:	\$30,395.00
YTD Total Received:	\$30,605.00
YTD Difference	+\$210.00
	101 % Received
Subtotal Checking Accounts:	\$214,462.24
-Subtotal Donor Restricted:	<u>-\$224,194.50</u>
=General Fund Balance:	-\$9,732.26

*Presbyterian Women
You're Invited*

*Join us for our
March Gathering*

*Wed., March 1st
at 12:30 p.m.*

First Presbyterian Church



Saturday, March 11th
8:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
3200 Bluecutt Road
Columbus, MS 39705



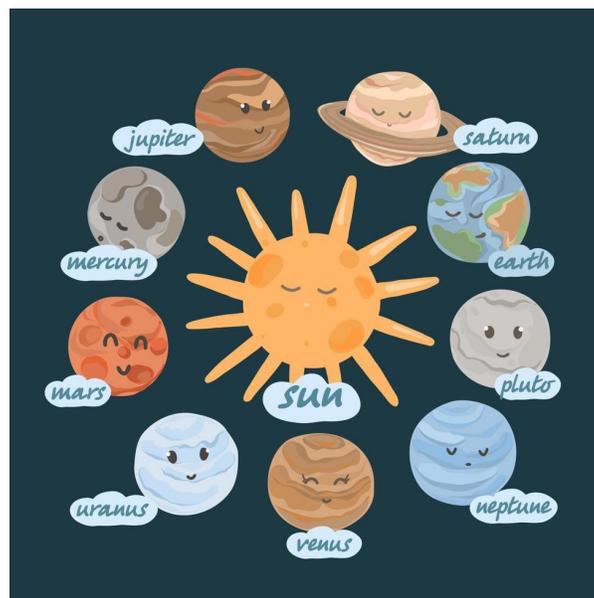
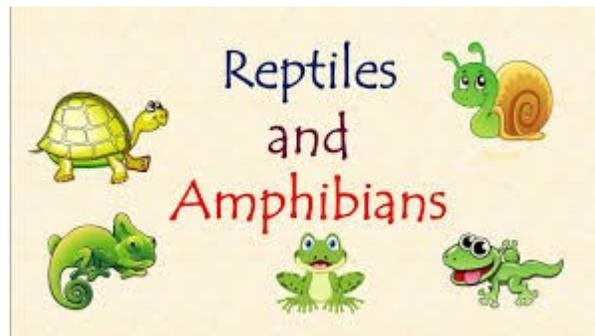
Join us for our
March Fellowship Potluck
Sunday, March 26, 2023
following worship

Shepherding Group 1 will provide meat.
Please bring your favorite side or dessert to share.

PCDP

Can you believe it is March? Our preschool children have been busy! Our units of study for the month of March are Dr. Seuss, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spring Season, and Space. The preschool will be closed for Spring Break March 13th through March 17th.

Registration for the summer session and the 2023-24 school year has begun. Please spread the word!





What is “2 Cents a Meal”?

“2 Cents a Meal” is a denomination-wide offering that is collected in PCUSA churches across the country. The concept was originated by Presbyterian women in 1976. The funds raised provide an opportunity for groups, families, and individuals to participate and consistently help to lessen world hunger. “2 Cents a Meal” is a strategy for raising awareness – and funds – for the fight against hunger. It is an opportunity to invite every member to contribute a few cents at every meal.

This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have each received. It is also a commitment to share our blessings with others. Collectively, it can make a difference.

Our First Presbyterian children collect this special offering on the last Sunday of each month. It is a simple activity, but many pennies, nickels, and dimes add up to thousands of dollars per year and help those in need.

World's Best

Dishwasher

This certificate is awarded to

Jack Jones

In recognition of being the best and cutest dishwasher ever!

Shepherding Group 4

February 26, 2023

Shepherding Group 4

Date



The Award for Best Dishwasher goes to Jack Jones!
Thank you for being the best helper after our Fellowship Lunch!



Sunday, March 12, 2023

Don't forget to set your
clocks ahead one hour!

Come Worship With Us Every Sunday
 Choir Practice Schedule:
 9:00 a.m. Sun., March 5, 12, & 26
 10:30 a.m. Sun., March. 19
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Social Gathering: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Worship: 11:00 a.m.

MARCH

Join us for
 Bible Study
 every Wednesday
 @ 12:30 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Gathering	2 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon	3 World Day of Prayer 	4
5 11:00 a.m. Worship	6 5:00 p.m. AA Group	7 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting (Lost Pizza)	8 5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting	9 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon	10	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
12 Spring Forward Daylight Savings Time Begins 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship	13 5:00 p.m. AA Group	14	15 12:30 p.m. Bible Study	16 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon	17 Loaves & Fishes Volunteers Needed	18
19 8:30 a.m. Session Meeting 11:00 a.m. Worship	20 Mr. Rogers Day First Day of Spring 5:00 p.m. AA Group	21	22 12:30 p.m. Bible Study	23 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon	24	25
26 11:00 a.m. Worship 2 Cents A Meal Offering (Don't forget your spare change) Fellowship Lunch following worship Shepherding Group 1	27 5:00 p.m. AA Group	28	29 12:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Gathering	30 5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon	31	