



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	Kelsey
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”	Jesu, Meine Freude
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

+Opening Hymn # 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness” Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!** (From Hymn # 243)

Assurance of Pardon		
Anthem	“Jesus, Savior, Blessed Friend”	Govenor

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God	1 Peter 1:17-23 (pp. 218-219) Luke 24:13-35 (pp. 84-85)	
Children’s Message		David Mills
Sermon	“Along the Way”	David Mills

+Affirmation of faith (The Confession of Belhar)
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. 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 # 655	What Shall I Render to the Lord”	Martyrdom
	(Verses 1, 2, and 4)	

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory	“Come My Soul”	Osman
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+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

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 629	“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”	St. Agnes
	(Verses 1 and 5)	

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude	“Hymn of Joy”	Beethoven arr. Innes
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Praise Reports

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault
are both at home. Continued Prayers
for this precious little family.

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones’ Mother)
Health Concerns

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hope Oakes
Health Concerns

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson’s Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Harolyn Jones
Recovery from fall (broken knee)

Colby Huffman
(Friend of Halli Powers)

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault
Continued Prayers

Wayne Bruchey
Health Concerns

Jean Bowen (95)
(The Bowen Children’s Grandmother)
Recovery from fall

Stephanie Pellum
(Paul & Sandra Mims Daughter)
Health Concerns

Jennifer Mearkle & Family
On the loss of her Step-Father
Hines Bostwick

The Turner Family
(Friends of Eric Krieger)
On the loss of Anita Marie Turner

*Please let the church office know
if you have any praise reports
or prayer concerns.*

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.
Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth - Kindergarten).

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

David Mills

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.

"The Wounded Healer"

by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Book Study led by Pam Rhea

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Melissa McDuffie

2 Cents A Meal

Fellowship Meal

Shepherding Group 2

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem

Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalie Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Class of 2028

Hope DeVenney-4

Tom Hatcher-2

Anna Jones-4

Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-2

Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Class of 2028

Roger Burlingame-2

Holly Longton-3

Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Instant mashed potato packets and Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

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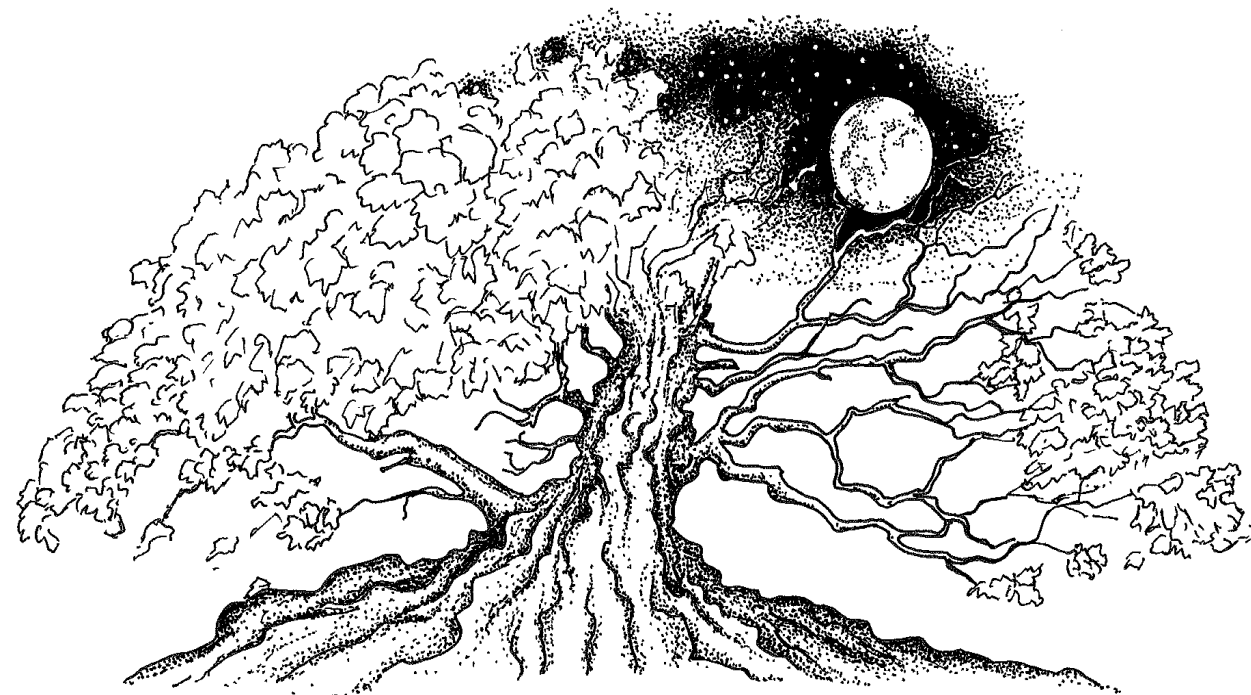
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

Accompanist: Shirley Ellis

PCDP Director: Lezli Waits

Custodian: Rowland Jennings

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

“Along the Way”
3rd Sunday of Easter
David Mills
April 19, 2026

