



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Teschner
arr. Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "Hosanna" Gregor arr. Pfohl

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
What will we lay down as Christ passes by?
We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.
As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,
Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Come. Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

Procession of the Palms

Prayer of Confession
Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example.
We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient.
You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that.
Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love.
Heal us, and help us to follow. Amen.

Congregational Prayer Response: **My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!** (From Hymn # 829, Verse 1)

Choral Anthem "Hosanna! O Blessed Is He" arr. Nelson

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (pp. 534-535)
Philippians 2: 5-11 (p. 186)
Matthew 21: 1-11 (pp. 21-22)

Sermon "Having the Mind of Christ" Dr. Tom Richardson

+Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. 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 # 618 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Deo Gracias
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" Smith

+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 # 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Valet Will Ich Dir Geben
(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

+Closing Prayer/Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Threlfall

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

Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

Congratulations to Zane Vogel & Katy Longton as they Welcome Baby Girl Liliana June. Welcome to the world little one. Your church family loves you.

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

Prayer Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Dorothy Fortman
Recovery from a broken leg

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

Julian Gardner
Continued Prayers

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

Anita Marie Turner
(Friend of Eric Krieger)
Final Stages of Cancer

Harolyn Jones
Recovery from fall (broken knee)

Hines Bostwick
(Jennifer Mearkle's Step-Father)
Health Concerns

Colby Huffman
(Friend of Halli Powers)
Continued Prayers

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault
Continued Prayers

Wayne Bruchey
Health Concerns

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

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 Palm/Passion Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Dr. Tom Richardson

Fellowship Meal following
worship—Group 1

2 Cents A Meal Offering

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group
5:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Monk's Meal/Tenebrae

Friday
Good Friday
Office & PCDP Closed

Next Sunday
**Resurrection of the Lord/
Easter Sunday**
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem
Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2
Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4
Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2
Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3
Sue Hatcher-3		Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Attendance: 51

The flowers today are given in honor of
Mary Frances Nelson by her family
in celebration of her 80th Birthday.

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Instant mashed potato packets and Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

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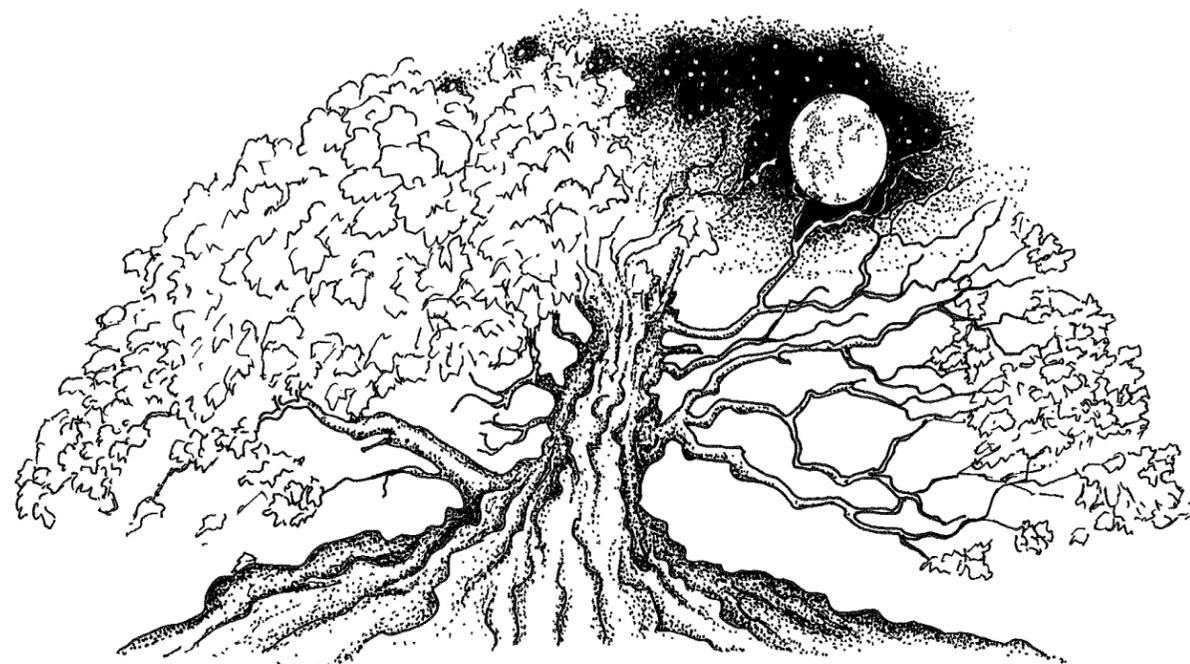
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

“Having the Mind of Christ”

Palm/Passion Sunday

Dr. Tom Richardson

March 29, 2026

