

Session

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<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	Marthalia 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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Last Sunday's Attendance: 38

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned ready-to-eat soups, chili, Chef Boyardee, canned vegetables and boxed cereals.

HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

Helping Hands has started its annual blanket drive. 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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Scottish Heritage Sunday

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

October 19, 2025



First Presbyterian Church

Columbus, Mississippi

Assemble in God’s Name

Chiming the Hour

Procession of Pipes, Highland Cathedral Tim Gordon, Bagpiper

Greetings & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Restoration

Blessing of the Tartans

Leader: We raise the Tartans on behalf of all clans represented here.
Kirk: We raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God’s blessing on God’s servant people in all lands.
Leader: Eternal God, Our Father, bless these and all symbols of heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
Kirk: We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Lord of us all.

*Hymn # 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of grace and love, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world. Amen.

Congregational Prayer Response:
Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.
from Hymn # 722 (vs. 1,5)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "When I Can Read My Title Clear" Watts/Lowry

Proclaim God’s Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:33-34 (p. 691)
Psalm: Psalm 16: 1-6 (p. 469)
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (p. 201)
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 (p. 76)

Sermon “A Goodly Heritage!/?” Dr. Tom Richardson

Respond to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith (From the Scots Confession of 1560)
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

*Gloria Patri
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.

*Hymn of Praise # 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM Rhondda

Prayers of the People
Call for the Offering
Offertory "St. Anthony Chorale" Haydn

*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
Leader: Eternal God, accept our thanksgiving for our goodly heritage and for those persons who serve now as a great cloud of witnesses.
Kirk: Gracious God, we present our tartans today before You, as symbols of our spiritual heritage, and we pray your blessings upon us and upon your servant people in every land.
Leader: Grant that those who wear these tartans, and their families, may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
Kirk: For those who have gone before us in the faith, and especially for those whose sacrifices helped make our discipleship possible, we are grateful.
Leader: O God, who gave us minds to know you, hearts to love You, and voices to sing your praise, send your Spirit among us...
Kirk: That we may celebrate our unity with all the saints; for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, who has made known Jesus Christ, King of all kings, Lord of all lords, in whose heart we are cherished, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*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.

The Sending

* Sending Hymn # 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (vs. 1, 3, 4) Restoration

*Pipe Procession Scotland, the Brave Traditional Tim Gordon, Bagpiper