



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Give Me Jesus”	Traditional Spiritual arr. Purifoy
Welcome and Announcements		
Christian Education and Christian Witness		2026 Reports to the Congregation
Choral Call to Worship	“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”	Aberstwyth
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship
Praise the Lord who is our provider.
The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.
God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.
The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.
Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.
The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

+Opening Hymn # 8	“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (Verses 1, 2, and 4)	Melita
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Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, we have been wandering around in a wilderness of our own sin. We have complained instead of being grateful for your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited rather than acknowledging your great sacrifice. We have not done your will. Forgive us, Holy One, teach us humility, gratitude, and place your spirit deep within our hearts that we will be reconciled to you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: **Hymn #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	Ferguson
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God		Exodus 17.1-7(p. 61) Philippians 2.1-13 (p. 186)
Children’s Message	2 Cents A Meal	Melissa McDuffie
Sermon	“Same Mind!”	Melissa McDuffie

+Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 # 475	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Nettleton
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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	“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”	Pescador De Hombres
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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 # 546	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”	Sicilian Mariners
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+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude	“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”	Lasst Uns Erfreuen
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+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.
Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

Welcome New Officers

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

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

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hilda Nance
(Hillary Richardson’s Aunt)
Recovery from Stroke

Rowland Jennings
Health Concerns

Boyd Hardy
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Cancer Diagnosis

Chris Hannon & Adele Elliot
(Friends of Eric Krieger)
Health Concerns

Friend of Marthalie Porter
Prayer Concerns

Cecil Vaughn
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson’s Mom)
Continued Recovery

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

The Dollar Family
On the loss of Kathie Dollar

Peter Ryan
(Friend of Pam Sullivan)
Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Frances Graham
(Xander Nowell’s Grandmother)
Recovery from Surgery

Willie & Jeanette Walker & Chloe
On the loss of Shenedia (PCDP Daughter & Mom)

Roger Swartz
Larry Swartz’s Brother
Health Concerns

Maggie Mistilis
Larry Swartz’s Sister
Health Concerns

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A Nursery is available in the
Education Building for the youngest
worshippers (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
18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship/2 Cents A Meal
Melissa McDuffie
Fellowship Meal
following worship
Shepherding Group 3

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

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Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship

Session

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

<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Class of 2029</u>
Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4	
Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2	Ed Oakes- 3
Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4	Lezli Waits- 4
Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes -1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Class of 2029</u>
Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2	Amanda Bowen- 2
Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3	Robert Hill- 3
	Jennifer Mearkle-4	Taylor Richardson- 4

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - Attendance: 36

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Breakfast cereals, ramen noodles, and 1 lb. bags of rice.

2 Cents A Meal Offering January - July

Total \$1,233.27

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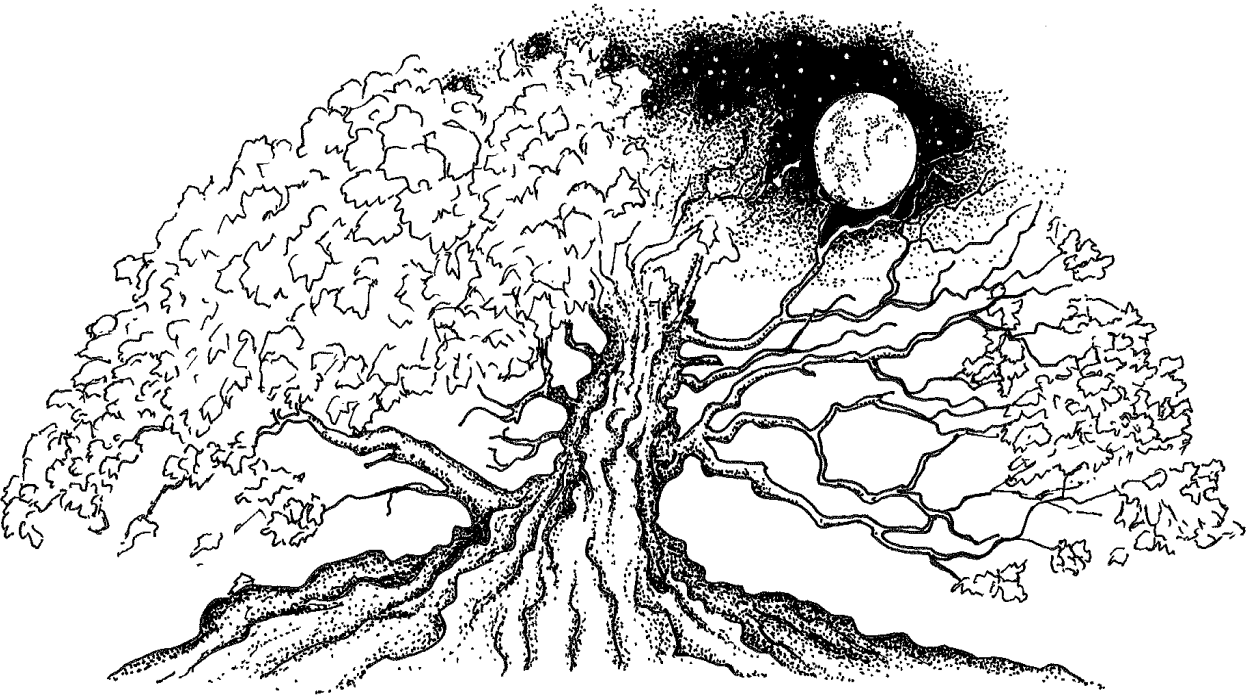
Accompanist: Shirley Ellis

Tech Coordinator: Halli Powers

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

“Same Mind!”

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Melissa McDuffie

September 27, 2026

