



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to worship (adapted from Psalm 99)

Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

**God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!**

Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

**We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!**

+Opening Hymn # 192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer of Confession

**God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen. Moment for Silent Meditation.**

Congregational Prayer Response: **What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. From Hymn # 70**

**(Verses 1 and 2)**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

"How Beautiful Upon The Mountain"

John Carter

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 68)  
Matthew 17:1-9 (pp. 17-18)

Chip Hatcher

Children's Message

"Transfiguration of the Lord"

Rev. Johnny Wray

+Affirmation of faith (*The Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 # 274    "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

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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

"O Jerusalem"

Vogt

+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 # 193    "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

Unser Herrscher

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

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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 to Xander Nowell,  
our Director of Music.  
We are so happy to have you!

Congratulations Johnny & Lauren Ault  
as they welcome Baby Boys  
Wesley Graham & Bennett Wilkes.  
Welcome to the world little ones.  
Your church family loves you.

## 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*

**Mary Anne Hamblen**  
(*Hillary Richardson's Mother*)  
*Recovery from knee surgery*

**Hilda Nance**  
(*Hillary Richardson's Aunt*)  
*Recovery from stroke*

**Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwille**  
*Broken Ankle*

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

**Harolyn Jones**  
*Recovery from fall (broken knee)*

**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 Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m.  
Session and Deacon  
Joint Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Rev. Johnny Wray

**Monday**  
President's Day  
Office & PCDP Closed

**Wednesday**  
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service  
Thomas Richardson

**Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

**Next Sunday**  
**1st Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.  
Communion Worship  
Rev. Buren Blankenship  
2 Cents A Meal

## Session

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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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, February 8, 2026 – Attendance: 59**

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

### PCDP/HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

## It's COLD outside!

PCDP & Helping Hands is continuing its blanket drive throughout the cold months.

New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like  
to make a monetary donation, please reference PCDP/Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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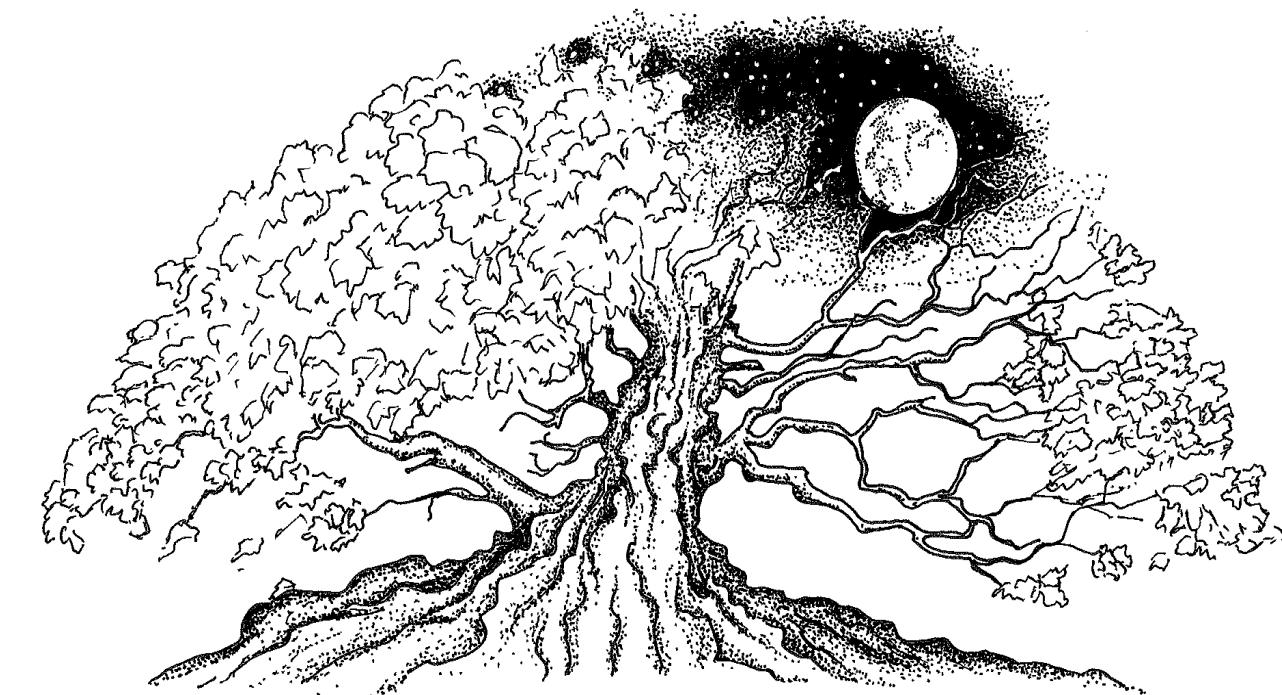
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# First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

### “Transfiguration of the Lord”

Rev. Johnny Wray  
February 15, 2026

