



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude

“Deep River”

American Spiritual
arr. Livingston

Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Augustine

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord;
Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;
Let us join in the joyful song of creation.
Let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn # 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

Aurelia

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: **Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last. From Hymn # 417 (vs. 4)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Choral Anthem

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Job 19:23-27a (p. 443)
Ps. 17:1-9 (pp. 469-470)
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 (pp. 194-195)
Luke 20:27-38 (p. 79)

Children’s Message

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Sermon

“Eternal Comfort and Good Hope”

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of Faith *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 # 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
(Verses 1, 3, and 5)

Amazing Grace

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

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Dykes
arr. Taylor

+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 # 625

“How Great Thou Art”
(Verses 1 and 4)

How Great Thou Art

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Woodward

Praise Reports

The Weyerhaeuser Grant for the Stokes Beard/MS Food Backpack Program has been approved.

Please let the Church Office know if you have any praise reports .

Prayer Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

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

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Hope Oakes
Health Concerns

Florence Odom
(Friend of Kathy Goodwin)
Heart Attack

Holly Longton & Family
On the loss of her father,
Jim Loveland

Mary Anne Hamblen
Hillary Richardson’s Mother
Recovery from knee surgery

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson’s Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Jane Harmon & Family
On the loss of her husband,
Dennis Harmon

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

+ 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 through 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
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

8:30 a.m.
Admin./Finance Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

3:00 p.m.
PW Gathering

Monday
10:00 a.m.
Cong. Care Meeting

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.
Advent Book Study
Led by Pam Rhea

5:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

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Fellowship Meal following
worship
Shepherding Group 1

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

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 59

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned ready-to-eat soups, peanut butter 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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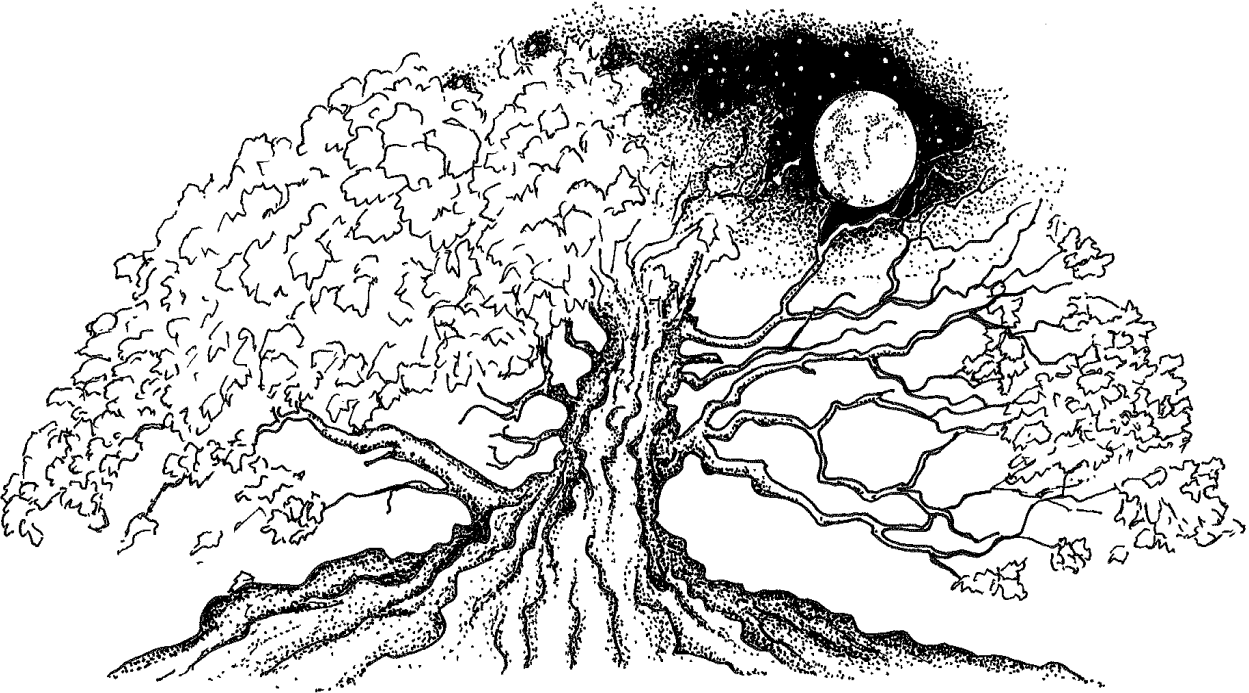
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First Presbyterian Church
Columbus, Mississippi



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

“Eternal Comfort and Good Hope”

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
November 9, 2025

