



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour Prelude	“If With All Your Hearts”	Mendelssohn arr. Smith
Welcome and Announcements Choral Call to Worship Prayer of Praise and Adoration	“Gather Us In”	GATHER US IN

Call to Worship
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn # 757	“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (Verses 1, 3, and 4)	KINGSFOLD
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Prayer of Confession
Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Choral Anthem	“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy”	Hart/Turner
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God	Mal. 4:1-2a (p. 839) Ps. 98 (p. 521) 2 Thess. 3:6-13 (p. 195) Luke 21:5-19 (p. 80)	
Children’s Message	Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea	

Sermon	“The Waiting Room”	Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
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+Affirmation of Faith *(from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 be 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 # 353	“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (Verses 1, 2, and 4)	SOLID ROCK

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	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	Irvine arr. Shackley
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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 # 435	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	IN BABILONE

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude	“All Praise to Thee”	Williams
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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

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.

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
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

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

Fellowship Lunch following
worship
Shepherding Group 1

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

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

Thursday
PCDP Friendsgiving

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday
Loaves & Fishes
(Volunteers Needed)

Next Sunday
**Christ the King/
Reign of Christ**

8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship

Christmas Decorating
following worship.

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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Last Sunday's Attendance: 39

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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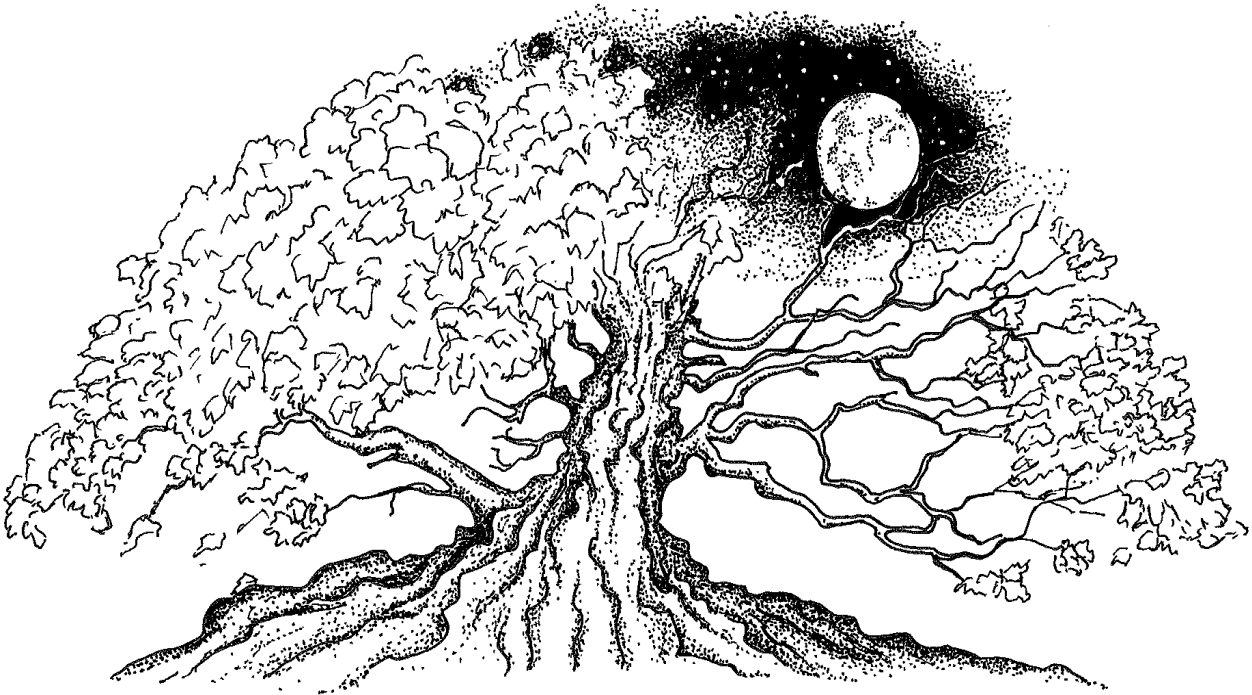
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Columbus, Mississippi



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

“The Waiting Room”
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
November 16, 2025

