



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour  
Prelude "God So Loved the World" Stainer  
Welcome and Announcements  
Choral Call to Worship "Christ Is Alive!" Truro  
Call to Worship

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

**This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Responsive Litany for Easter

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed.

**Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest.

**Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

And Jesus commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God.

**Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

+Opening Hymn # 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" Easter Hymn

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation***

Congregational Prayer Response: ***"Then, safe within your fold, we will exalt your name; our thankful hearts with songs of joy your goodness will proclaim." From Hymn 430***

Assurance of Pardon  
Anthem "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven/Clydesdale  
+Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination  
The Word of God Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (p. 534)  
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 (p. 84)

Children's Message Rob Hill

Sermon "Happy Nonsense" Reverend Buren Blankenship

+Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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.**

## RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Were You There"

arr. Matthews

+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

+Communion Hymn # 504

"We Come as Guests Invited"

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you*

***And also with you***

*Lift up your hearts*

***We lift them up to the Lord***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 245

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Llanfair

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude

"Come Thou Almighty King"

de Giardini, arr. Purifoy

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print.**

## Prayer Concerns

**Sandra Mims**

*Health Concerns*

**Jon Fortman**

*Health Concerns*

**Toni Oakes**

*(Ed Oakes' Sister)*

*Health Concerns*

**Ginny Oakes**

*(Ed Oakes' Mother)*

*Health Concerns*

**Allison L. Jones**

*(Scott Jones' Mother)*

*Health Concerns*

**Amy Sullivan**

*(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)*

*Health Concerns*

**Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)**

*(Holly Longton's Great Niece)*

*Cancer Diagnosis*

**Patty Jones Family**

*Prayer Concerns for Family*

**Jim Loveland**

*Holly Longton's Father*

*Recovery from Stroke*

**Julian Gardner**

*Recovery from surgery*

**Sherean Harrington**

*(Hope Oakes Step-Mother)*

*Health Concerns*

*Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.*

## Session

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

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Collene Albright-3	Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1
Hope Devenney-4	Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1
Taylor Richardson-2	Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2
Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

## Diaconate

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Dorothy Fortman-1	Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1
Hillary Richardson-3	Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1
Anna Jones -4	Sue Hatcher-3	

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 65

*The flowers today are given in memory of  
all our loved ones who have gone before us.  
May their love and service inspire us daily.*

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### THE CHURCH AT WORK

**We welcome you to  
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshippers (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

**Resurrection of the Lord/  
Easter Day**

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Buren Blankenship

#### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

#### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

#### Next Sunday

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Melissa McDuffie

2 Cents A Meal Offering

Fellowship Meal following

Worship (Shepherding Group 2)

#### Helping Hands

Canned Vegetables

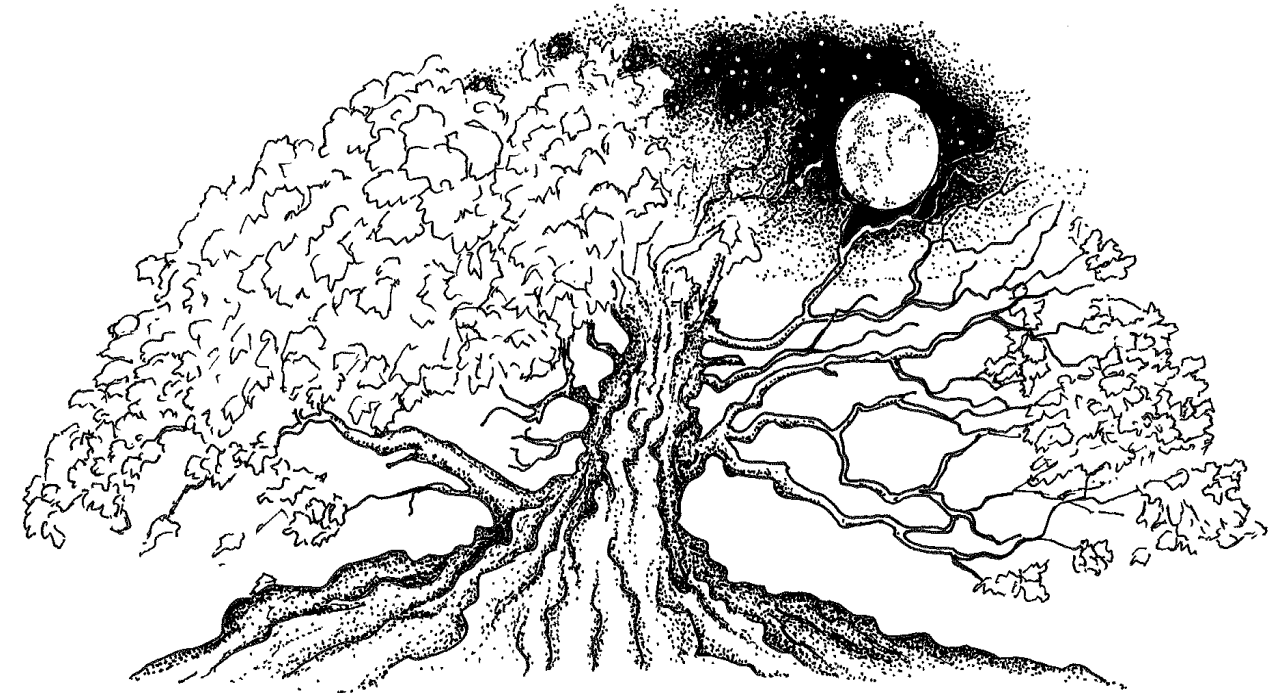
Peanut Butter

#### Loaves and Fishes

#### Water Drive

Cases of 8 oz. water are needed for Loaves and Fishes. Please drop off in the Education Building.

# 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

## Resurrection of the Lord Easter Day

Reverend Buren Blankenship

April 20, 2025

