



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Lewis D. Edwards
arr. by Marshall McDonald

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBIA

Call to Worship from Psalm 23, John 10
Peace be with you.
Peace be with you.
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 396 *"Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"* HOLY MANNA

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: ***"Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name!"***

Assurance of Forgiveness

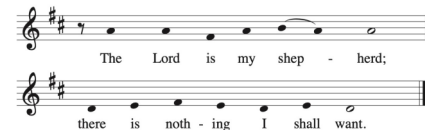
Anthem *"Amazing Grace"* arr. Jay Althouse

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Book of Acts: **Acts 4:5-12 (p. 113)**
Psalter: **Psalm 23 (p. 474)**

Congregational Response:



New Testament: **1 John 3:16-24 (p. 226)**
Gospel: **John 10:11-18 (p. 97)**

Children's Message

Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon "Sheep of Different Folds" Reverend B.J. Chain

+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.

OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 803 *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* RESIGNATION

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"Night on the River"* Dmitri Kabalevsky

+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

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.

+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.

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 542 *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* GOD BE WITH YOU

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude

+ 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

Today
4th Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
5th Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship

Fellowship Meal
following Worship
(Shepherding Group 2)

Care-o-ling
following Fellowship Meal

Helping Hands Needs

Canned or cups of fruit, boxed cereal,
flavored rice or pasta
(ex. Knorr Sides)

Hygiene Items: toothpaste,
toothbrushes, deodorant, soap,
shampoo, feminine products, laundry
detergent, or cleaning supplies.

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

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshippers (birth through five years old).

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.

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims

Health Concerns

Jon Fortman

Health Concerns

Toni Oakes

(Ed Oakes' Sister)

Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes

(Ed Oakes' Mother)

Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd

Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones

(Scott Jones' Mother)

Health Concerns

Sherri Musgrove

(Friend of Anna Jones)

Breast Cancer

Genie Hutchison

Continued Prayers

Amy Sullivan

(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)

Health Concerns

Lyla Fulton (1Year Old)

(Holly Longton's Great Niece)

Cancer Diagnosis

Collene Albright & Family

Health Concerns

Angela Gardner & Family

On the Loss of her Grandmother,

Imogene "Jean" Duckett

Bill Gavin

Health Concerns

Chris Geuder

(Son of Rod & Maridith Geuder)

Health Concerns

Darlene Walrod

Recovery from broken hip-surgery

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

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk

Class of 2024

Fran Brown -1

Dennis Harmon -1

Susan Smith -2

Cathy Young -4

Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2024

Angela Gardner -2

Marthalie Porter -1

Emma Richardson-3

Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

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FPC Fall 2023 Sunday School/Nursery Program

Nursery (Room 3-Education Building) : Birth to 5 years 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday School (Room 2-Education Building) : Ages 5 - 7 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (Youth Room Upstairs-Education Building) : Ages 8 - 10 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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feminine products, laundry detergent, or cleaning supplies.

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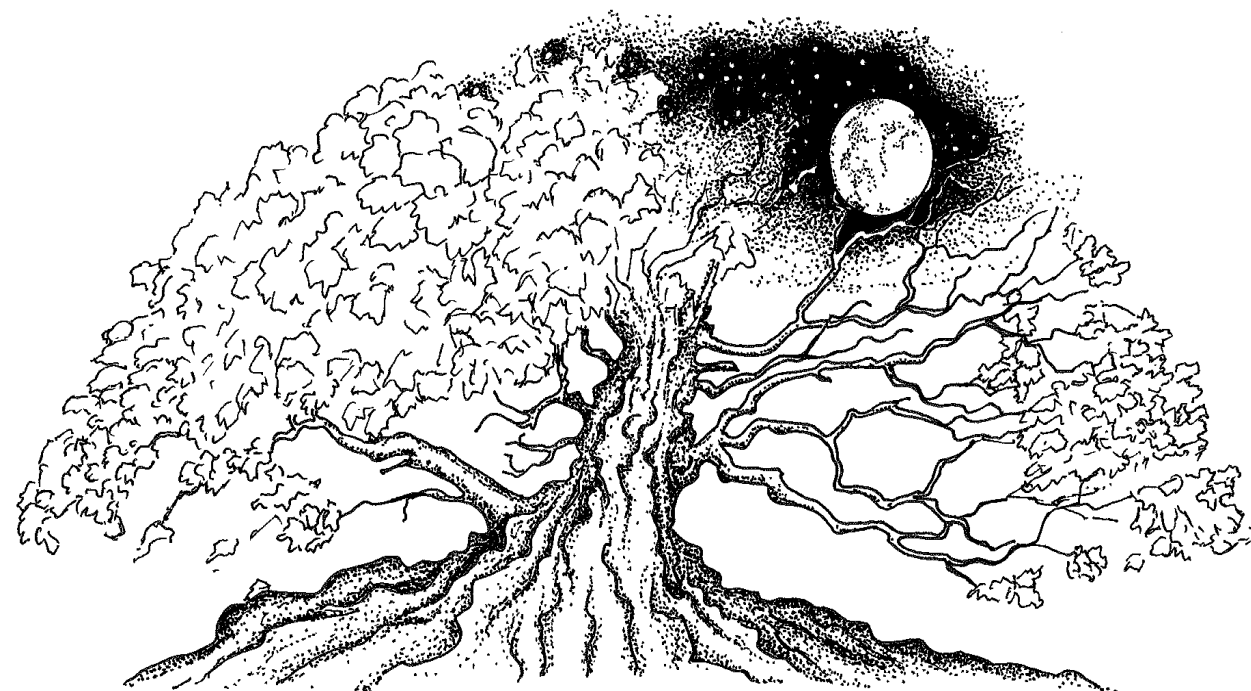
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First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



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

“Sheep of Different Folds”

Reverend B.J. Chain

April 21, 2024

