



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour Prelude	<i>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</i>	Joyful Song Arr. Bennett
Welcome and Announcements Choral Call to Worship	<i>"Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator"</i>	Batak melody Arr. Pandopo
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		
Call to Worship from Acts 16 The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> God call us to proclaim the good news. <b>Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.</b> Let us worship God.		
+Opening Hymn # 307	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	CWM Rhondda
Prayer of Confession <b>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.</b> <i>Moment for Silent Meditation</i>		
Choral Prayer Response	<i>"Circle Me Lord"</i>	Moss
Assurance of Pardon		
Choral Anthem	<i>"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"</i> Allison Jones	Sleeth

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination The Word of God		Acts 16:9-15
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*Children's Message*  
\*Children's Dismissal for Children's Church  
*Children's Church Ages: 3 years to 5th Grade—Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old*

Sermon "Spirit Led Through Closed Doors" Jonathan Blackburn

+Affirmation of Faith  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 # 688 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Morecambe  
(vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Prayer of the People  
Call for the Offering  
Offertory *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* Trad. Spiritual  
Arr. Thygerson

+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'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 # 79 *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* Temple of Peace  
+Charge and Blessing  
+Postlude *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* Temple of Peace

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so  
**Please join in unison reading of the bold print**

## Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator  
Cathy Young, Clerk  
Class of 2022  
Tom Hatcher-2  
Hope Oakes-3  
Becky Owings-1  
Class of 2023  
Lee Hackett-1  
Steve Porter-2  
Tori Pumphrey-4  
Thomas Richardson-3  
Class of 2024  
Fran Brown-1  
Dennis Harmon-3  
Susan Smith-2  
Cathy Young-4  
Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

## Diaconate

Class of 2022  
Hope Devenney-4  
Kathy Goodwin-1  
Class of 2023  
Ed Oakes-3  
Lezli Waits-4  
Steve Wilkes-2  
Class of 2024  
Angela Gardner-2  
Marthale Porter-1  
Emma Richardson-3  
Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

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

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

**Jane Hunt**  
*Health Concerns*

**Sandra Mims**  
*Health Concerns*

**Jon Fortman**  
*Health Concerns*

**Toni Oakes**  
*(Ed Oakes Sister)*  
*Health Concerns*

**The Family of Maridith Geuder**  
*Prayer Request*

**Scherrel Sturdivant**  
*Continued Recovery from Stroke*

**Diana Revord**  
*Health Concerns*

**Tom Young**  
*Knee Surgery Recovery*

**Bridgette Beinhaur**  
*Ed Oakes Cousin*  
*Health Concerns*

**Emmagene Crunk**  
*Recovery from Fall*

**Bonnie Boyd**  
*Health Concerns*

**Jeff Cox**  
*Health Concerns*

**Patty Jones & Family**  
*In the loss of her husband,*  
*James Jones*

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

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship Potluck Lunch following Worship (Shepherding Group 3)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m. AA Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 p.m. Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Helping Hands**

If you are shopping this week, please consider picking up:  
Small jars of peanut butter, canned chili, baked beans, and pasta.

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PCDP Director: Lezli Waits

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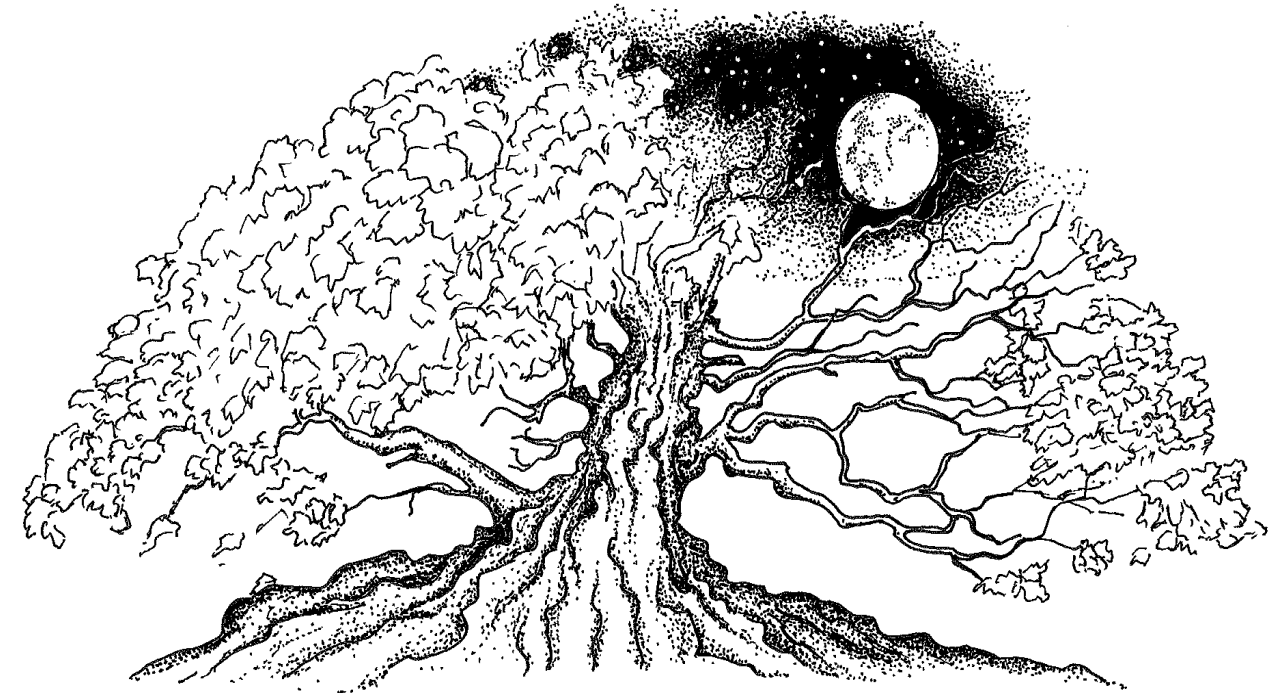
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Columbus, Mississippi**



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

*“Spirit Led Through Closed Doors”*



Jonathan Blackburn  
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