



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
 Prelude "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" Berry
 Welcome and Announcements
 Choral Call to Worship "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" O Filii et Filiae
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
 Great is the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

+Opening Hymn # 242 "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" In Dir Ist Freude

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!** (From Hymn # 243)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "Have You Seen My Jesus?" Wagner

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
 The Word of God Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (pp. 111-112)
 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 218)
 John 20:19-31 (pp. 108-109)
 Children's Message Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea
 Sermon "Faithful Doubt" Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of faith (from The Apostles' Creed)
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 # 258 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" Deo Gracias
 (Verses 1, 2, and 5)

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 "Reflections" Rodriguez

+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 # 311 "Here, O Lord Your Servants Gather" Tokyo
 (Verses 1, 3, and 4)

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude "Jesus, Light of Joy" Goss

Praise Reports

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault are both at home. Continued Prayers for this precious little family.

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
 Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
 (Scott Jones' Mother)
 Health Concerns

Sherean Harrington
 (Hope Oakes Stepmother)
 Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
 Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
 (Friend of Lee Hackett)
 Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
 Prayer Requests

Hope Oakes
 Health Concerns

Hilda Nance
 Hillary Richardson's Aunt
 Recovery from stroke

Harolyn Jones
 Recovery from fall (broken knee)

Colby Huffman
 (Friend of Halli Powers)

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault
 Continued Prayers

Wayne Bruchey
 Health Concerns

Jean Bowen (95)
 (The Bowen Children's Grandmother)
 Recovery from fall

Stephanie Pellum
 (Paul & Sandra Mims Daughter)
 Health Concerns

Jennifer Mearkle & Family
 On the loss of her Step-Father
 Hines Bostwick

The Turner Family
 (Friends of Eric Krieger)
 On the loss of Anita Marie Turner

Please let the church office know if you have any praise reports or prayer concerns.

+ 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 - 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

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

12:15 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women

Gathering

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.

"The Wounded Healer"

by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Book Study led by Pam Rhea

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

3rd 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

David Mills

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem

Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalie Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Class of 2028

Hope DeVenney-4

Tom Hatcher-2

Anna Jones-4

Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-2

Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Class of 2028

Roger Burlingame-2

Holly Longton-3

Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Attendance: 84

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Instant mashed potato packets and Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

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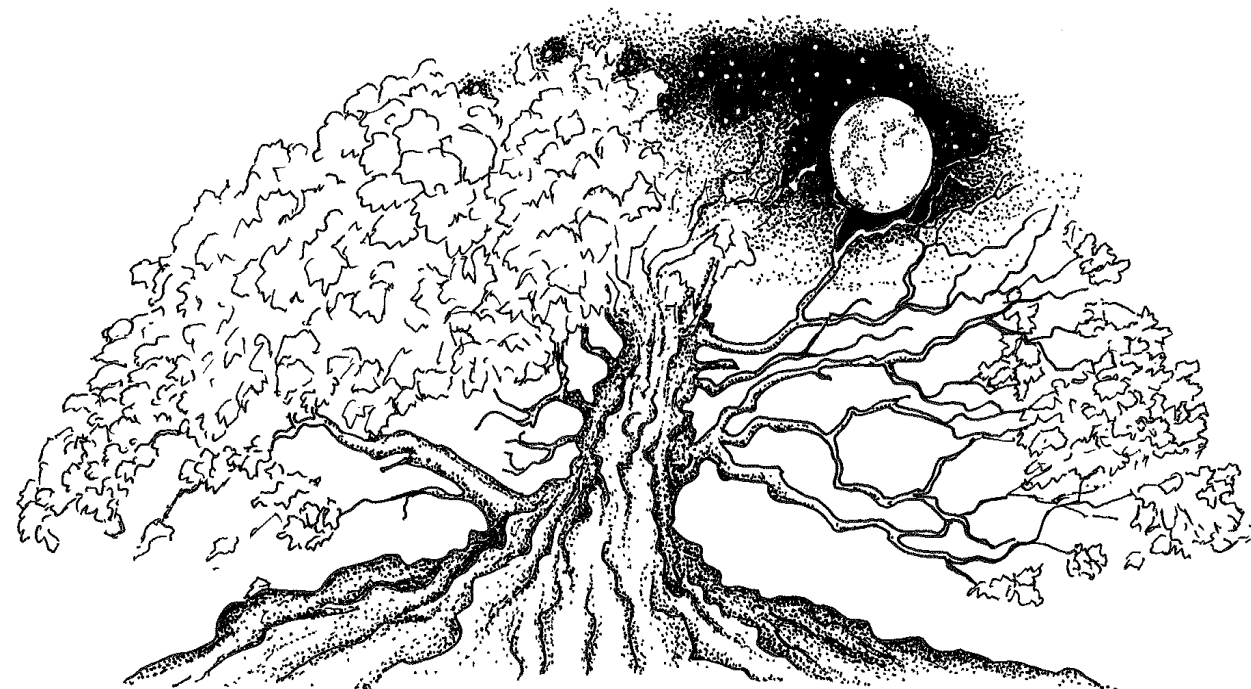
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

Accompanist: Shirley Ellis

PCDP Director: Lezli Waits

Custodian: Rowland Jennings

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

“Faithful Doubt”

2nd Sunday of Easter

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

April 12, 2026

