



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## THE GATHERING

The Prelude Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana* P. Mascagni  
Pietro Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* is set on Easter Sunday in the rustic countryside of Sicily. The orchestral Intermezzo depicts the hope that comes with the beauty of the sunrise on Easter morning.

Striking the Hour

Call to Worship *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN  
Sonovia Pierre, vocalist

Welcome, Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**And also with you**  
Do not be afraid; He is not here; Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
Let us worship God.

*Easter Fanfare from Symphony #8* Antonin Dvorak  
Anthony Kirkland, trumpet

+The Opening Hymn, #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN  
See Attached

### 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**

Prayer Response *"Because He Lives"* RESURRECTION  
Sonovia Pierre, vocalist

Assurance of Pardon

The Word of God **THE WORD** Matthew 28: 1-10

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "He Is Not Here" Reverend B.J. Chain

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: 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.**

Celebration of the Sacrament

Distribution of the Elements

Musical Offering: *Andante from Concerto in E-flat* Joseph Haydn  
Anthony Kirkland, trumpet

Prayer of Thanks

### +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, 579 *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.**

## THE OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine* Arr. J. Raney  
Wayne Gilreath and Christy Lee, piano

+Doxology, 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+Prayer of Thanks

## THE SENDING

+Sending Hymn *He Lives* ACKLET  
See Attached

+Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: *How Great Thou Art* S. Hine  
Anthony Kirkland, trumpet

+Postlude

*Toccata* C. Widor  
Wayne Gilreath, organ

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Please join in unison reading of the bold print

## Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk  
Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Class of 2022  
Bonnie Boyd-4 Brad Beckham-3 Tom Hatcher-2  
Eric Waits-4 Dennis Harmon-2 Hope Oakes-3  
Fran Brown-1 Don Whitman-4 Becky Owings-1  
Cathy Young-1 Alan Smith-2  
Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

## Diaconate

Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Class of 2022  
Gary Goodwin-4 Collene Albright-3 Harolyn Jones-2  
Lee Hackett-1 Patty Collins-2 Elizabeth Lott-4  
Jo Shumake-1 Taylor Richardson-2 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 six years old). Miss Scherrel Sturdivant has cared for many little Presbyterians and friends over the years. Her Assistant is Mileka Nelson.

**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**

**Beth Feland**

**Diane Keen**

*Carol Jones Sister  
Health Concerns*

**Jim & Jane Hunt**

*Health Concerns*

**James Jones**

*Health Concerns*

**John Earhart**

*Health Concerns*

**Dustin Dollar**

*Continued Recovery*

**Toni Arnold**

*(Ed Oakes Sister)*

*Recovery from Fall*

**Robert Tomlinson**

*(Christy Lees Husband)*

*Continued Recovery*

**Leigh Wallace—17 years old**

*(Niece of Sam & Victoria Bobo')*

*Recently diagnosed with*

*Hodgkin's Lymphoma*

*If you would like to send*

*Well Wishes please do so:*

*Leigh Wallace*

*P.O. Box 496*

*Collinsville, MS 39325*

If you'd like to add a name to the prayer list, please use the book on the table in the Narthex.

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

**Worship, and all other church meetings** have been suspended until further notice based upon the most recent developments.

Join us for Live-stream Worship this Sunday at 10:00 am.

Website: [Firstprescolumbus.org](http://Firstprescolumbus.org)

Youtube: [FirstPresbyterianChurch-Columbus](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurch-Columbus)

Even if we cannot gather as a congregation, we hope to provide the usual prayer, worship, and sermon for you to enjoy at home.

Due to the recent stay-at-home order from our state's government, we will continue to limit contact between employees and church members. **This means that Tracie and I will be physically in the office one day/week.** This does not mean we will not be working or will be unavailable. See below for contact information during this time.

**Offering.** We urge you to continue your giving either

by mail-in offering or by dropping it off in our church mail box..

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 9681, Columbus, MS 39705

The church has made the commitment to continue to pay all church employees despite a decrease in work so as not to add any undue stress upon them or their families.

We also seek to continue our community involvement as much as it depends on us. This includes the Backpack Program, Loaves and Fishes, and others.

I want to again stress that **you have our support.** Let myself or any of your deacons and elders know if you need assistance. This especially includes retrieving groceries or any supplies you may need on your behalf.

**We will continue to be a community of believers called to love God and love one-another.** Assist me as I assist you with these newfound obstacles.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, concerns, or further suggestions please contact me at (662) 816-2352 or [bjchainiv@gmail.com](mailto:bjchainiv@gmail.com).

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Nursery Attendant: Scherrel Sturdivant Assistant: Mileka Nelson

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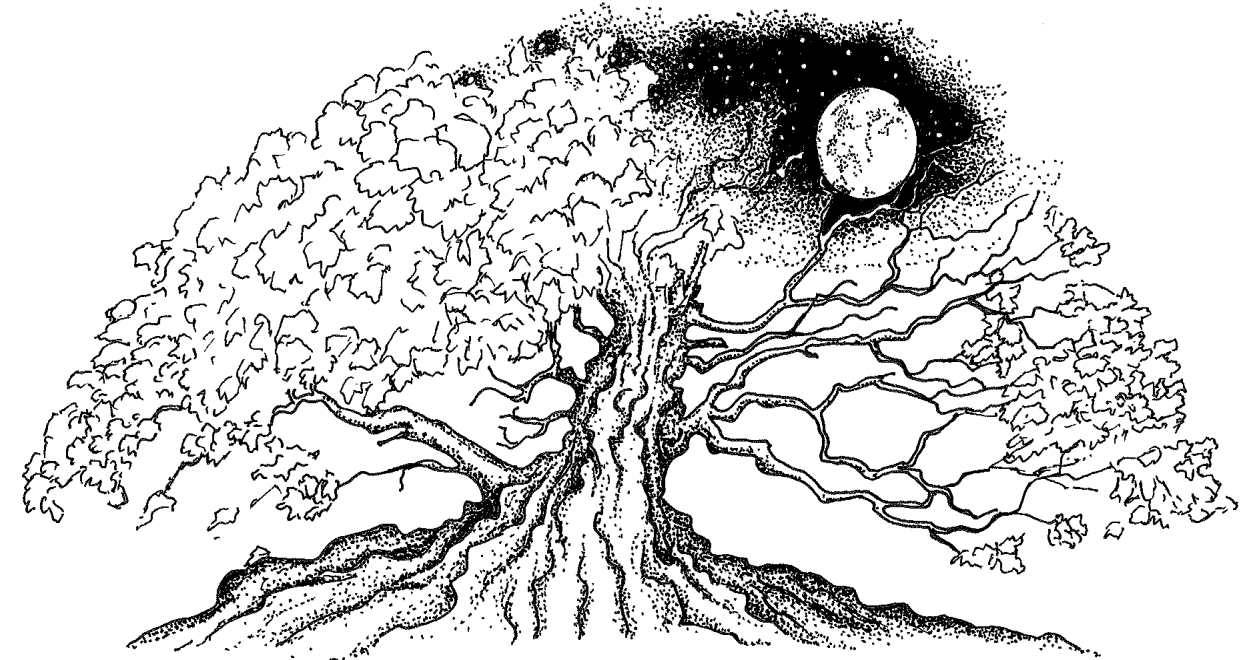
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## Columbus, Mississippi



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

*“He Is Not Here”*

Reverend B.J. Chain  
April 12, 2020



First Presbyterian Church of Columbus  
Join us as we sing

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Opening Hymn: #232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today      EASTER HYMN

“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant Holy Day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God’s love, Alleluia!  
Praise our God ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!”

Sending Hymn:                                  He Lives                                  ACKLET

“I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He’s always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!”