



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”

Bradbury
arr. Thomas

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

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

Call to Worship
Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!
God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God’s love.
Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.
God’s love endures forever.
Amen! Let us worship together.

+Opening Hymn # 515

“I Come with Joy”
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

Dove of Peace

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: **“Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.”**
(From Hymn # 279)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

arr. Christiansen

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 9)
Romans 4:13-25 (p. 145)
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (pp. 8-9)

Sermon

“The Power of Faith”

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of Faith from a Declaration of Faith

We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

+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 # 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

Leoni

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

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

McKinney
arr. Livingston

+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 # 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Darwall’s 148th

+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther

Praise Reports

Colby Huffman is recovering well and has returned home.

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

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson’s Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Wayne Bruchey
Health Concerns

The Davis Family
On the loss of Dickey Davis
(Hope Oakes’ Uncle)

Rowland Jennings
Health Concerns

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 after Pentecost

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.
Christian Education Meeting

Monday

10:00 a.m.
Christian Action/
Congregational Care Meeting

Tuesday

PCDP Summer Program Begins

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.
Admin./Finance Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship

12:15 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting

3:00 p.m.
PW Gathering

Session

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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2
Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4
Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2
Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3
Sue Hatcher-2		Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Attendance: 64

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Boxed cereals and canned Chef Boyardee.

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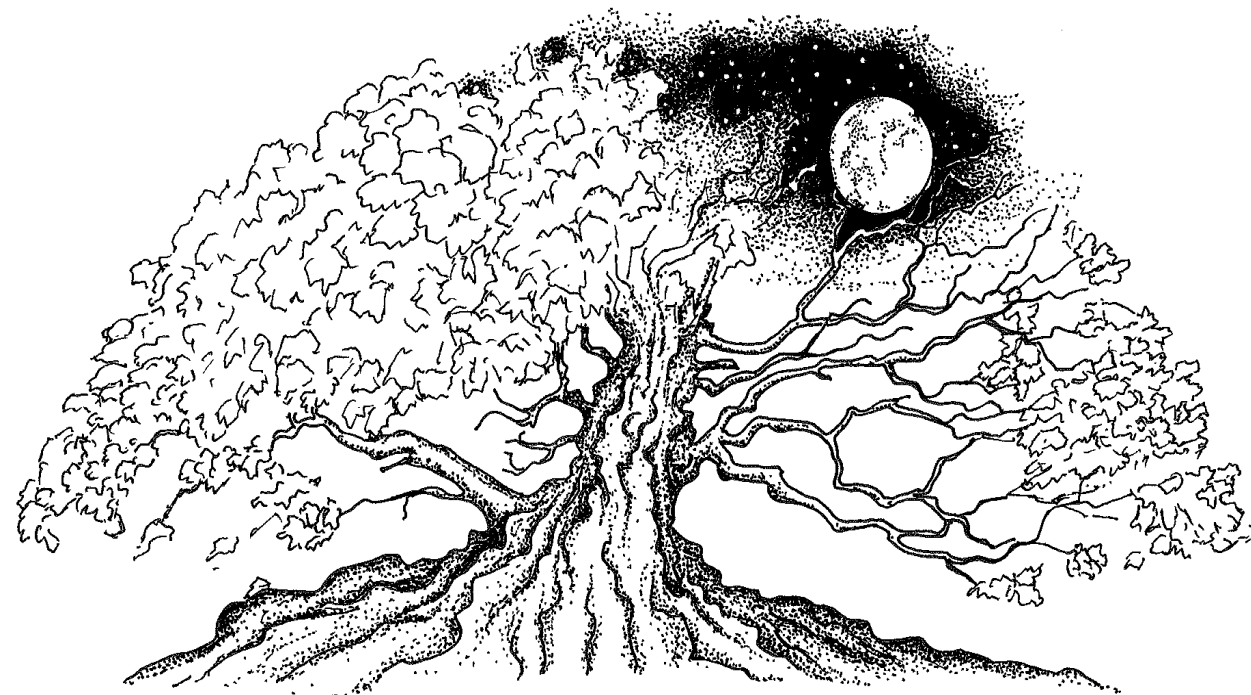
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

“The Power of Faith”

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

June 7, 2026

