



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Sheep May Safely Graze”	Bach
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”	Hanover
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship		
What kind of love has God given us?		
A love that proclaims we are God’s very own.		
What kind of promise has God given us?		
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.		
What kind of future has God given us?		
God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.		
Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,		
Honor and power and might be to our God, forever and always!		
+Opening Hymn # 366	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Verses 1, 3, and 4)	Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession		
God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. You say we are blessed when our spirits are low, but we do not find the hope of your reign. Be with us in our remembrance. Strengthen us until the day we join all your people, singing your praises in the great multitude, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
	<i>Moment for Silent Meditation.</i>	

Congregational Prayer Response: **Hymn #172 Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Assurance of Pardon		
+Passing of the Peace		
Choral Anthem	“For All the Saints”	arr. Johnston

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God		Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (pp. 480-481) Matthew 5:1–12 (p. 4)
Sermon	“An Upside Down World”	Rev. Buren Blankenship

Naming of the Saints

+Affirmation of Faith *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10)*
The risen Christ is the Savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. 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

Prayers of the People		
Call for the Offering		
Offertory	“Still, Still With Thee”	Mendelssohn

+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		
+Communion Hymn # 612	“We Praise You, O God”	Kremser
Invitation to the Lord’s Table		

Great 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.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

	SENDING	
+Sending Hymn # 326	“For All the Saints”	Sine Nomine
+Charge and Blessing		
+Postlude	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Bradbury

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

Praise Reports

Emmett Richardson is feeling much better after his recent appendix surgery.

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

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

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hilda Nance
(Hillary Richardson’s Aunt)
Recovery from Stroke

Rowland Jennings
Health Concerns

Boyd Hardy
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Cancer Diagnosis

Chris Hannon & Adele Elliot
(Friends of Eric Krieger)
Health Concerns

Friend of Marthalie Porter
Prayer Concerns

Steve Pieschel
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

The Barksdale Family
On the loss of
Mrs. Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson’s Mom)

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Peter Ryan
(Friend of Pam Sullivan)
Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Roger Swartz
(Larry Swartz’s Brother)
Health Concerns

Maggie Mistilis
(Larry Swartz’s Sister)
Health Concerns

Robert White
(Friend of Taylor Richardson)
Recovery from Fall

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A Nursery is available in the
Education Building for the youngest
worshippers (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
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Communion/
All Saints' Service
Rev. Buren Blankenship

12:30 p.m.
Christian Witness Meeting
(Parlor)

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.
"Falling Upward"
Book Study led by Pam Rhea

5:00 p.m.
Worship & Music
Committee Meeting

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast

Next Sunday
24th 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. Worship
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

3:00 p.m.
PW Gathering

Session

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

<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Class of 2029</u>
Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4	Fran Keith Gaskin-2
Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2	Ed Oakes- 3
Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4	Lezli Waits- 4 Susan
Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes –1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Class of 2029</u>
Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2	Amanda Bowen– 2
Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3	Robert Hill– 3
	Jennifer Mearkle-4	Taylor Richardson– 4

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Sunday, October 25, 2026 - Attendance: 53

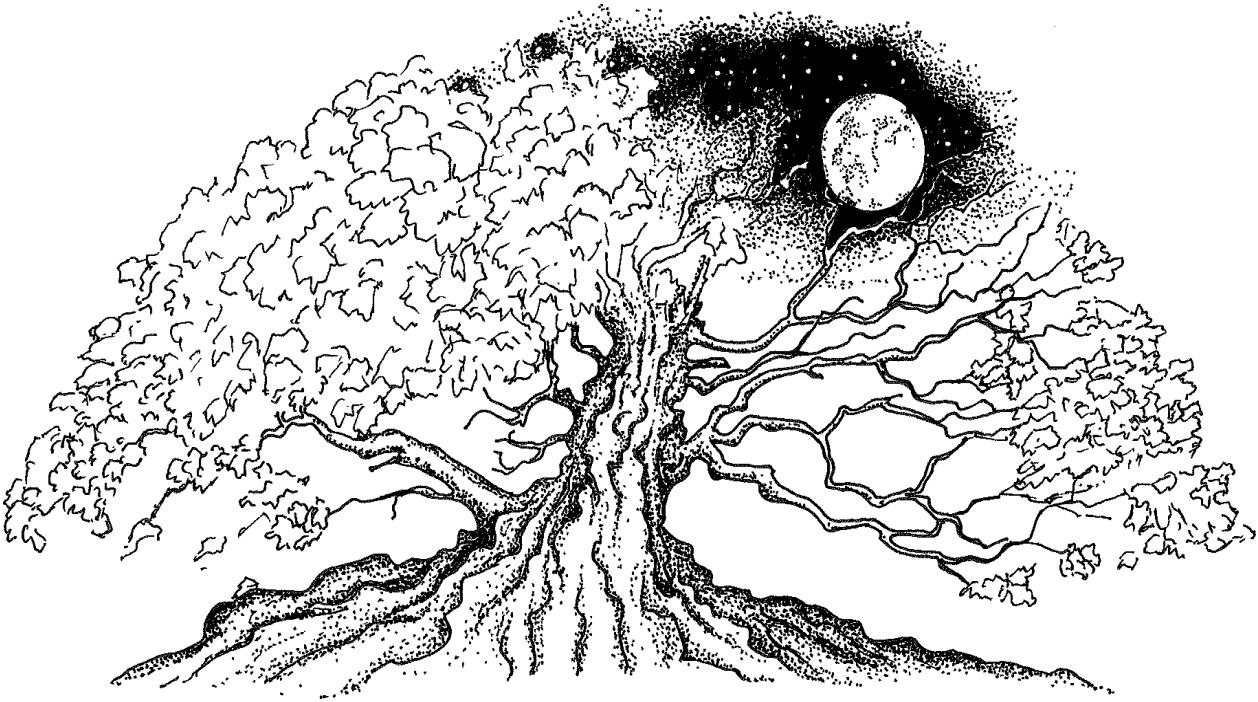
Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Breakfast cereals, ramen noodles, and 1 lb. bags of rice.

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Tech Coordinator: Halli Powers
PCDP Director: Lezli Waits
Custodian: Rowland Jennings

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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

“An Upside Down World”
Rev. Buren Blankenship
November 1, 2026

