



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst, arr. Livingston

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?
**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio
(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

Prayer of Confession
God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: ***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. From Hymn # 471 (Verse 1)***

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 649)
Matthew 2:1-12 (pp. 1-2)

Children's Message Anna Jones

Sermon "Born a King" Rev. Dr. Gregory Goodwiller

THE WORD

+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

Prayer of the People
Call for the Offering
Offertory "We Three Kings" Hopkins, arr. Gardner
+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.**

+Communion Hymn # 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old" Dix
(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

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.*

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 # 673 "Jesus, Light of Joy" Lauda Anima
(Verses 1 and 3)
+Charge and Blessing
+Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

Praise Reports

Julian Gardner!!!
His Mother's words:
"After 16+ years...Julian no longer has to wear AFO braces and was able to do something huge and a little emotional. He went shoe shopping for shoes that fit his actual feet. Not his feet + plastic + Velcro + hardware; just his feet." Congratulations Julian!
You are literally a "WALKING" miracle.

Carol Jones!!!
Carol Jones, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, is recovering well from her surgery. The surgery was a success and prayers were answered. The pathology report shows surrounding biopsies are negative. Carol is cancer free. She will follow up with doctors in Tupelo.

Prayer Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Dorothy Fortman
Recovery from a broken leg

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

Julian Gardner
Continued Prayers

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Scott Starkweather
Recovery from Fall

Hope Oakes
Health Concerns

Mary Anne Hamblen
Hillary Richardson's Mother
Recovery from knee surgery

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson's Aunt
Recovery from stroke

RJ Jennings
Health Concerns

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

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 Christmas

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Dr. Gregory Goodwiller

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
Worship
Johnny Wray

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-3		Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned ready-to-eat soups, peanut butter and boxed cereals.

HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

Helping Hands has started its annual blanket drive. New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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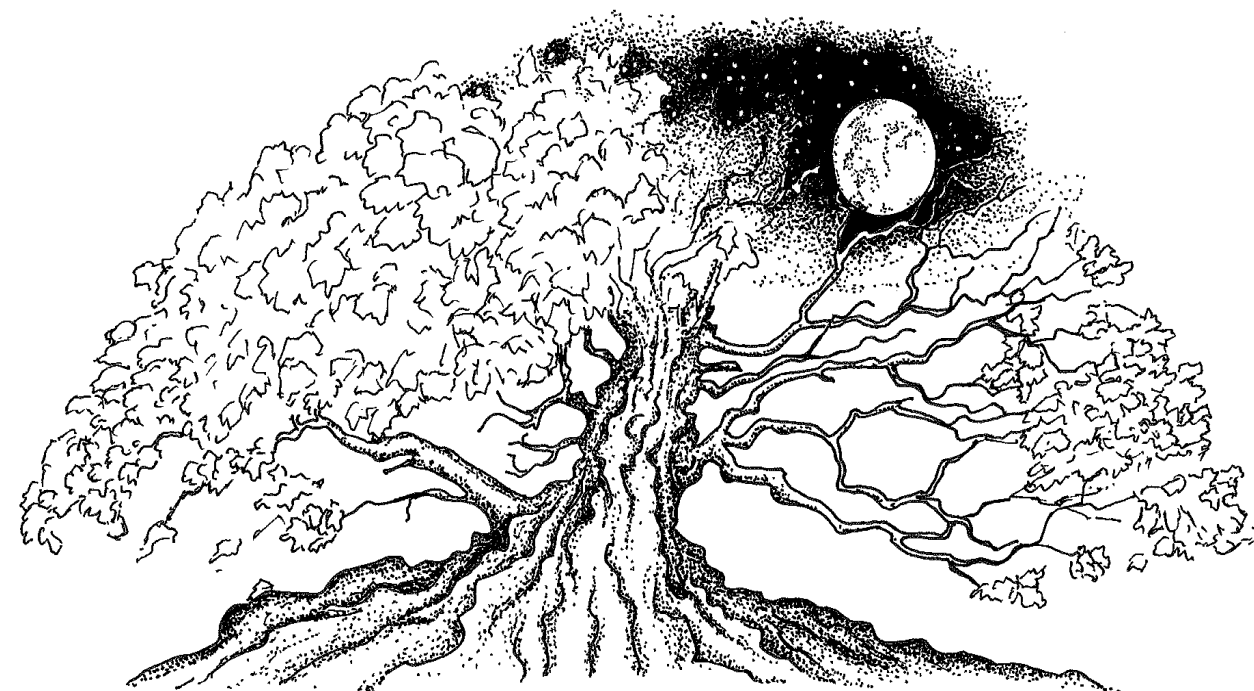
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Born a King”

Rev. Dr. Gregory Goodwiller

January 4, 2026

