



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	Spiritual arr. Nielson
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“Come All You People”	Uyai Mose
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship  
 We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!  
**Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**  
 We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!  
**Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**  
 We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!  
**Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.**  
 We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:  
**God is with us and will never let us go.**

+Opening Hymn # 394	“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”	Westminster Abbey
	(Verses 1, 3, and 4)	

Prayer of Confession  
**Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.** (From Hymn # 444)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem	“Ain’-a That Good News!”	Dawson
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## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God	John 14:15-21, 25-26 (pp. 102-103)
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Sermon	Rev. Johnny Wray
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+Affirmation of faith (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 # 12	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	St. Denio
	(Verses 1, 2, and 4)	

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	“Immortal Love, Forever Full”	Wallace arr. Johnson
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+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 # 317	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	McKee
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+Closing Prayer

+Postlude	“He Has Made Me Glad”	Brethorst
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## Praise Reports

Hope Oakes says the prayers have worked, and she is much better.

Jean Bowen (Grandmother of the Bowen children) is doing much better. She has been able to return home with sitters.

Harolyn Jones has almost recovered from her fall. She says thank you for all the prayers.

## 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*

**Colby Huffman**  
*(Friend of Halli Powers)*

**Wayne Bruchey**  
*Health Concerns*

**The Lane Family**  
*On the loss of Dr. James Lane*  
*(Friend of Marthalie Porter*  
*and mentor to Allee Kate Weathers)*

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

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

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 + 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

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Johnny Wray

### Wednesday

8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

PCDP Teacher Appreciation

Breakfast/Parent Send-Off

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

1:30 p.m.

"The Wounded Healer"

by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Book Study led by Pam Rhea

5:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Friday

Loaves & Fishes

Volunteers Needed

### Next Sunday

#### 7th 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.

Communion Worship

Rev. Buren Blankenship

Senior Recognition Sunday

## 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

Marthalia 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, May 3, 2026 – Attendance: 69**

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Boxed cereals and canned vegetables (not corn or green beans).

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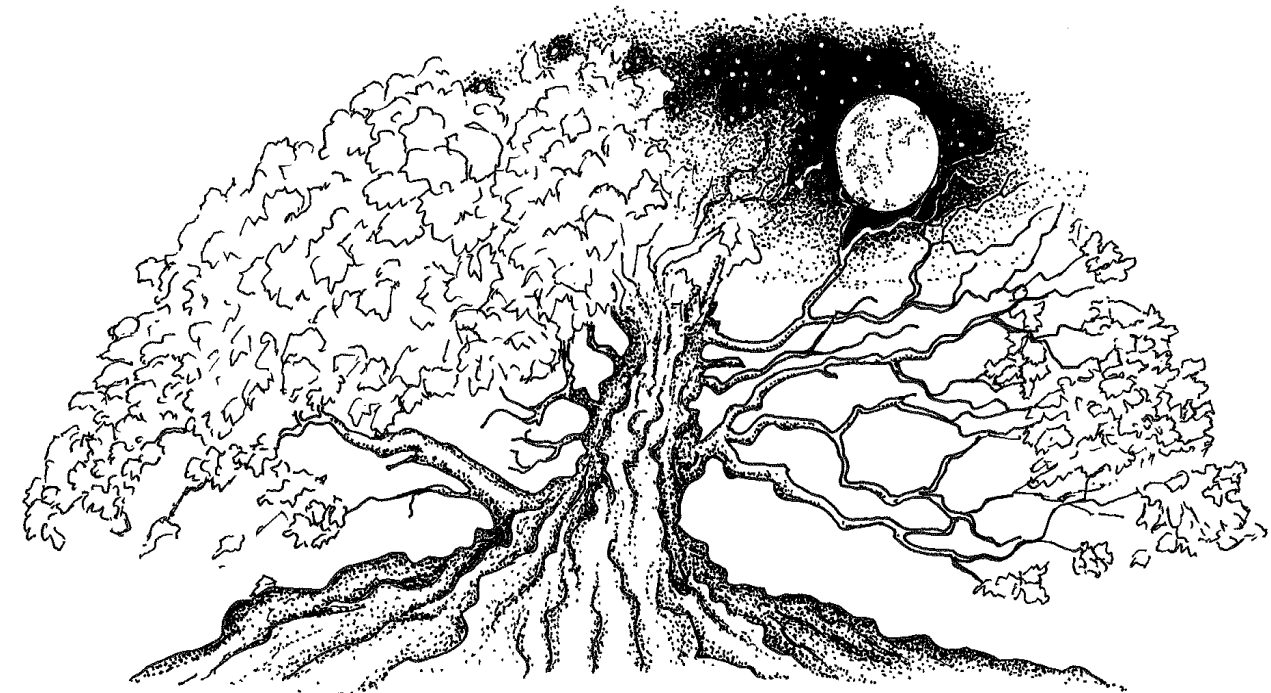
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Johnny Wray

May 10, 2026

