



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour  
 Prelude "Give Me Jesus" arr. Hansen  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Choral Call to Worship "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Trentham  
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship (Psalm 130)  
 Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.  
**Let your ears hear our supplication.**  
 We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.  
**We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.**  
 Come. Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'  
 (Verses 1, 4, and 5)

Prayer of Confession  
**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin. Amen.** *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!** (From Hymn # 829, Verse 1)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "Dona Nobis Pacem" arr. Hopson

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 759)  
 Romans 8:6-11 (p. 147)  
 John 11:1-45 (pp. 98-99)

Children's Message Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Sermon "When God Speaks" Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

+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

+Hymn of Praise # 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Promise

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 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Price

+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 # 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Bourbon  
 (Verses 1 and 4)

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Buchanan arr. Hall

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

## Praise Reports

Congratulations to Zane Vogel & Katy Longton as they Welcome Baby Girl Liliana June. Welcome to the world little one. Your church family loves you.

Mary Anne Hamblen, Hillary Richardson's Mother, is recovering well from her knee surgery.

Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller is recovering well from his broken ankle.

## 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*

**Toni Oakes**  
*Prayer Requests*

**Hope Oakes**  
*Health Concerns*

**Hilda Nance**  
*Hillary Richardson's Aunt*  
*Recovery from stroke*

**Anita Marie Turner**  
*(Friend of Eric Krieger)*  
*Final Stages of Cancer*

**Harolyn Jones**  
*Recovery from fall (broken knee)*

**Hines Bostwick**  
*(Jennifer Mearkle's Step-Father)*  
*Health Concerns*

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

**Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault**  
*Continued Prayers*

**Wayne Bruchey**  
*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 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

#### 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship  
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Next Sunday

#### Palm/Passion Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.  
Worship  
Dr. Tom Richardson

2 Cents A Meal Offering

Fellowship Meal following  
worship—Group 1

## 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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**Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Attendance: 43**

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Instant mashed potato packets and Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

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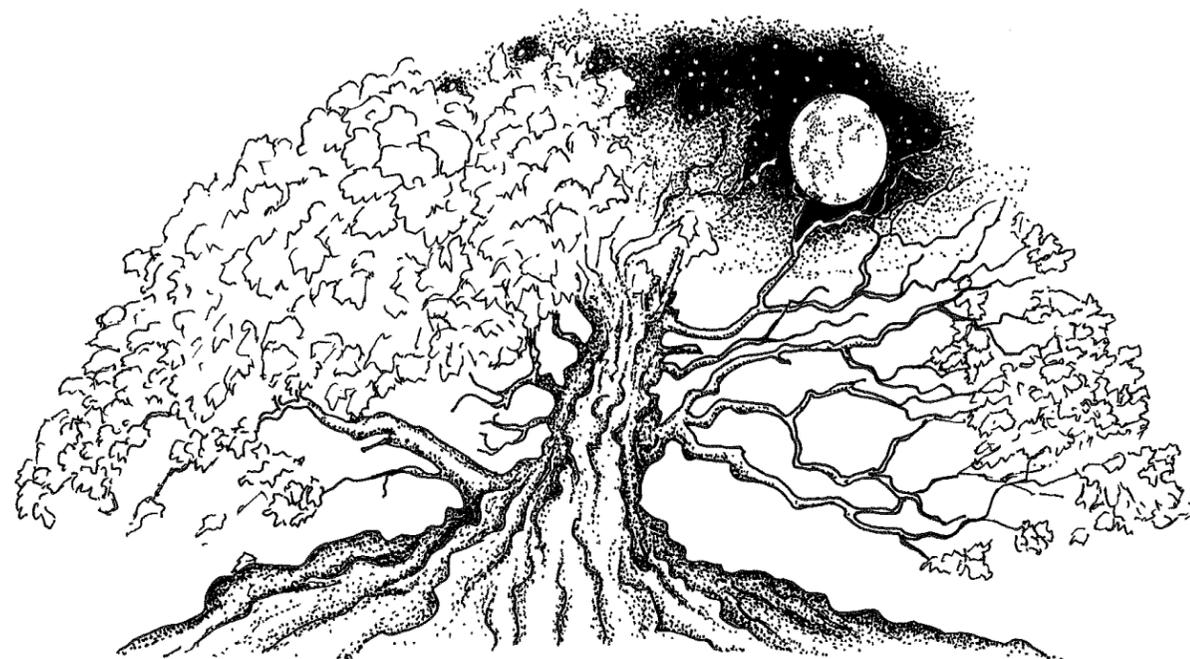
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

“When God Speaks”  
5th Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea  
March 22, 2026

