



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour  
 Prelude "God So Loved the World" Stainer arr. Young  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Choral Call to Worship "Sound the Trumpet" Patterson  
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship  
 Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
 All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
 Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord!**

+Opening Hymn # 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Easter Hymn

Prayer of Confession  
**Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love. There is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. Yet you shower these mercies on us. You have taken away the sting of death. We are amazed that you meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you. Amen.** *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!** (From Hymn # 243)

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Anthem "An Easter Alleluia" Young

+Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination  
 The Word of God Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (p. 534)  
 Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 32)  
 Children's Message  
 Sermon "Unstoppable" Reverend Buren Blankenship

+Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26  
**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in 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

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Were You There" Matthews

+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 # 507 "Come to the Table of Grace" Table of Grace  
 (Verses 1 and 5)

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 Hymn # 245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Llanfair  
 (Verses 1 and 4)

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Come Thou Almighty King" Giardini arr. Purifoy

+ 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.

Baby Boys Wes & Benny Ault are both at home. Continued Prayers for this precious little family.

## Prayer Concerns

**Jon & Dorothy Fortman**  
*Continued Prayers*

**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*

**The Turner Family**  
*(Friends of Eric Krieger)*  
*On the loss of Anita Marie Turner*

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

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

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

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

**Wayne Bruchey**  
*Health Concerns*

**Jean Bowen (95)**  
*(The Bowen Children's Grandmother)*  
*Recovery from fall*

*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

#### Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

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

### Monday

10:00 a.m.  
Cong. Care/Christian Action  
Committee Meeting

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Saturday

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

### Next Sunday

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

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

12:15  
Deacons' Meeting

3:00 p.m.  
PW Gathering

## 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  
Marthalie 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-3

### 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, March 29, 2026 – Attendance: 68**

The flowers today are given in memory of  
all our loved ones who have gone before us.  
May their love and service inspire us daily.

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Instant mashed potato packets and Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

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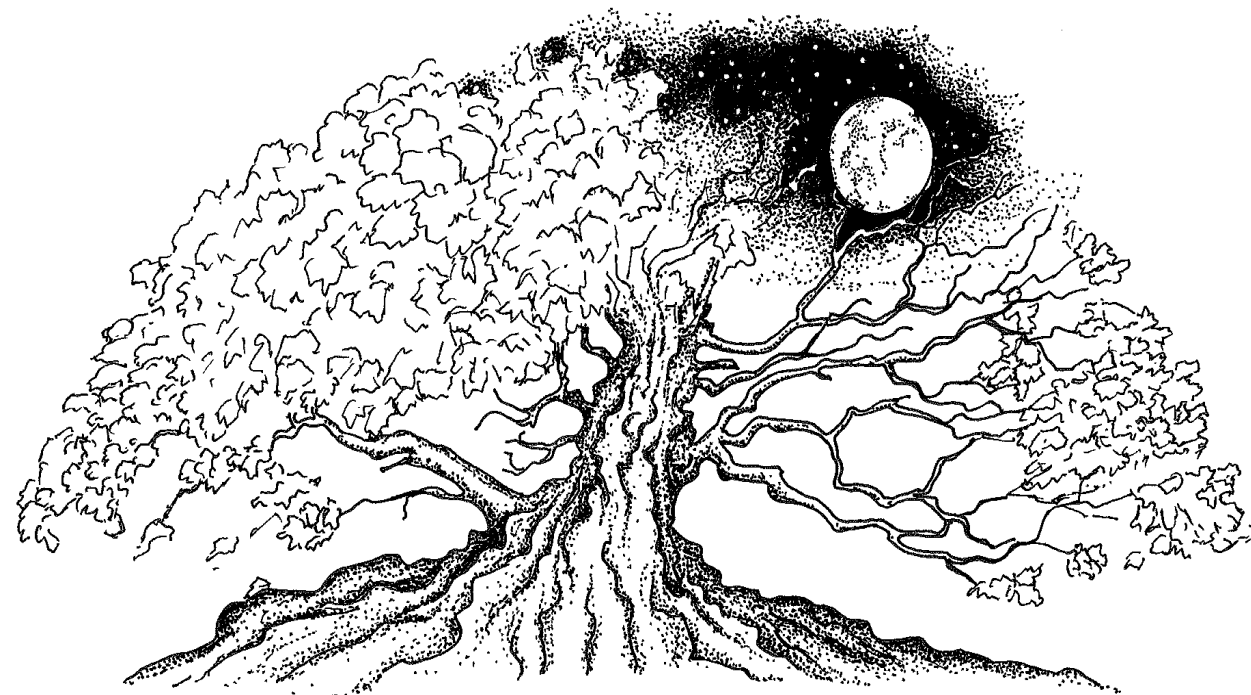
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

“Unstoppable”

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Rev. Buren Blankenship

April 5, 2026

