



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Neumark arr. Boertje

Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship “Be Still, My Soul” Finlandia
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God’s grace.
We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and pre-served from trouble.
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

+Opening Hymn # 165 “The Glory of These Forty Days” Erhalt Uns, Herr

Prayer of Confession
Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you. Forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: **What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. From Hymn # 70 (Verses 1 and 2)**

Assurance of Pardon
Choral Anthem “Pié Jesu” Lightfoot
+Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
The Word of God Genesis 2:7, 15-17, 3:1-7 (pp. 2-3)
Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3)

Children’s Message 2 Cents A Meal Hope Oakes

Sermon “Don’t Tempt Me” Reverend Buren Blankenship

+Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. 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 “Echo of Praise” Livingston

+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 # 783 “When We Are Tested” Angels of Healing
(Verses 1, 2, 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 # 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Ein’ Feste Burg
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude “Walk Worthy of the Lord” Smith

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

Praise Reports

Welcome to Xander Nowell,
our Director of Music.
We are so happy to have you!

Congratulations Johnny & Lauren Ault
as they welcome Baby Boys
Wesley Graham & Bennett Wilkes.
Welcome to the world little ones.
Your church family loves you.

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

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

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson’s Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller
Broken Ankle

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

Harolyn Jones
Recovery from fall (broken knee)

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

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, February 15, 2026 – Attendance: 48

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

PCDP/HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated to the blanket drive.

A total of **113** blankets were collected and donated!

DEACONS/PCDP BLESSING BAGS UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated to the blessing bag drive.

A total of **75** blessing bags were assembled for distribution!

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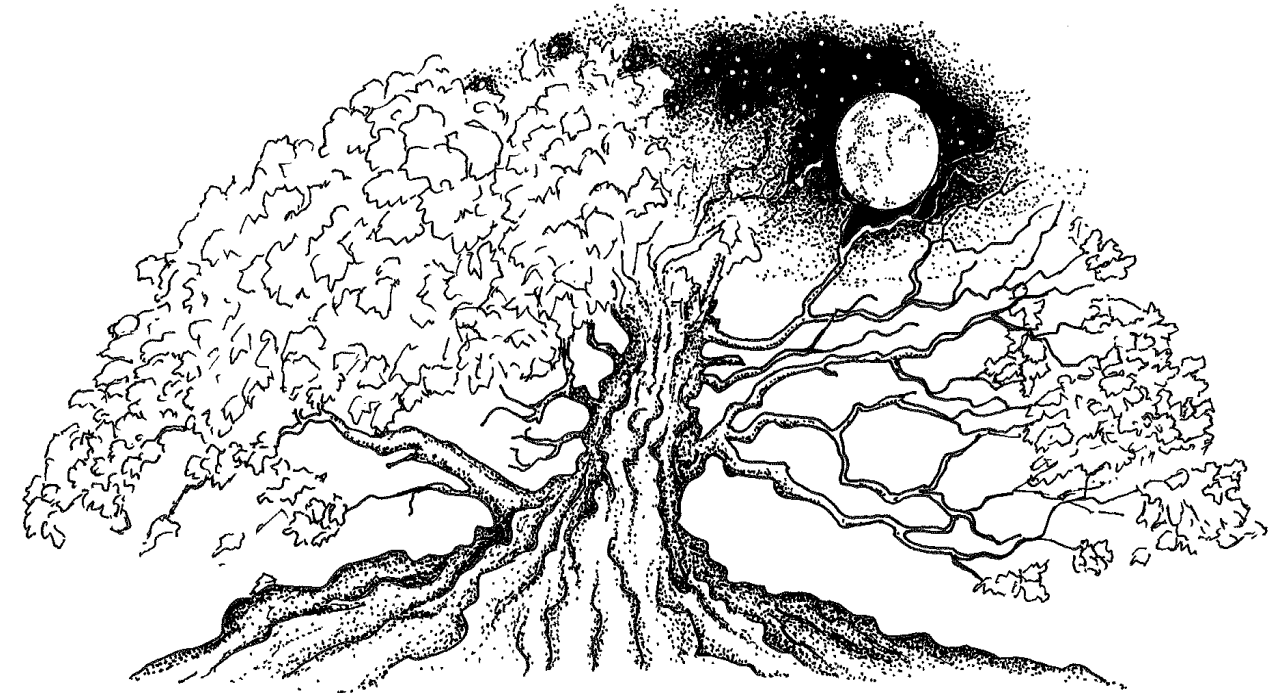
Director of Music: Alexander Nowell

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

“Don’t Tempt Me”

1st Sunday in Lent

Reverend Buren Blankenship

February 22, 2026



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

1st Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Communion Worship

Rev. Buren Blankenship

2 Cents A Meal

Fellowship Meal

following worship

Shepherding Group 4

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Melissa McDuffie