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October 3, 2025

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TUPELO, MS

*Join Us For Worship
First Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, October 5

Services at 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.

Our YouTube Channel

Children's Bulletins

Ages 3 & Up

**Sunday's
Bulletin**

Scripture Lesson

Children's Bulletins

Ages 7 & Up

CHECK OUT OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR!

Click the calendar to see everything happening at FPC!



Dear First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

If you haven't already, you will shortly be receiving a mailing from the FPC Stewardship Committee announcing this year's stewardship theme "Hearts of Faith, Hands of Generosity." This theme reminds us that our giving flows out of faith - trusting that God provides - and it becomes generosity when we put that faith into action.

Scripture reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God, and He calls us to return a portion back to Him. When we give, we are not just keeping the lights on or maintaining the building, we are participating in God's work. We are making it possible for our church to be a living witness of Christ's love in the community and beyond. Through our gifts, lives are touched, faith is nurtured, and hope is shared.

God commands us to trust Him. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Our giving shows where our hearts truly lie. By supporting the mission of the church, we proclaim our faith that God will provide for our needs and use our offerings to reach others.

Stewardship is not about money alone - it is about mission, ministry, and faith. When we give generously, we are not just sustaining an institution, we are investing in the work of God's kingdom.

Every gift we give helps our church worship, serve, and reach out in love. Together, our hands of generosity become a powerful witness of Christ in this community and beyond.

Commitment Sunday is November 9, 2025. During the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give. May our hearts and our treasures be joined in faith and joy.

Thank you for the many ways you already share your time, talents, and treasure. You are a blessing to this congregation!



With love and gratitude,

Stewardship Committee:

Debra Robison, Chair

Kory Hunter

Jim Bruce

Mark Burleson

Bible Study

CANCELLED

WILL RESUME ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
AT 11:00 A.M.

BOLTON/SISTAHOOD ROOM



shepherd'scenter
OF GREATER TUPELO

Volunteer Drivers Needed

For More Information:

Call: 662.840.0787

400 W Jefferson St

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JOIN US FOR OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

A Presentation by Trey Leake

on "The Weight of Glory" by C.S. Lewis

MENU:

Pulled Smoked Pork Sandwiches,
Fried and Grilled Chicken Tenders,
Homestyle Green Beans, Baked Beans,
Cheese Grits, Slaw, Rolls and Buns,
Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, and
Assorted Desserts!



Sign Up by Noon Wednesday

Meal cost is \$7 per person

5:30 P.M.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

NOVEMBER 2

HUH?? WHAT'S THAT?

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN IS A SPECIAL SERVICE HONORING OUR ROOTS--THE PC(USA) ORIGINATED AS A BRANCH OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND--YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE TAPESTRY ON THE RIGHT FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY AND WONDERED WHY IT IS THERE. "KIRK" IS THE SCOTS LANGUAGE WORD FOR "CHURCH", AND "TARTAN" REFERS TO A SPECIFIC PLAID PATTERN ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTICULAR FAMILY OR GROUP, SO "KIRKING THE TARTAN" IS WEARING YOUR TARTAN TO CHURCH TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING.

NOT OF SCOTTISH ANCESTRY? DON'T HAVE A TARTAN? NO PROBLEM. FPC HAS OFFICIALLY ADOPTED THE ROYAL STUART TARTAN AS THE CHURCH TARTAN, SO ANY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH MAY WEAR IT PROUDLY.

THERE WILL BE SOMEONE IN THE LIBRARY BETWEEN SERVICES EACH SUNDAY TO ASSIST YOU WITH TARTAN RESOURCES FROM NOW THROUGH OCTOBER.

Prayers for the Week

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett

Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Annette Thornton, Gladys Wilson,

Mary Ann Chiles

College Students: Afton Gable, Lindley Gibens,

Maggie Gibens

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

If We All Do A Little, It Adds Up To A
Lot!



LET'S SERVE
TOGETHER

October



10/21 Cook for the Salvation
Army at 2:30 P.M.



10/25 Helping Hands
Volunteers at 9:00 A.M.

2 Cents-A-Meal

Offering

Sunday, October 5

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of your congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Ideally, contributions come from “living more simply so that others may simply live.” Participation in is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus’ command, “You give them something to eat.”



Save the Date

YOUTH EVENTS

2025

October

13 Serve @ Saint's
Brew

19 Go Karts!



November

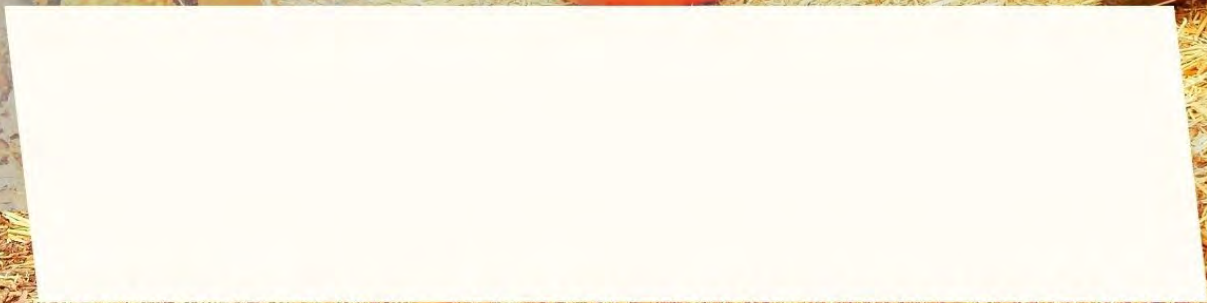
16 Serve @ Salvation
Army

Week of Thanksgiving
Girl's Day; Guy's Day
Details to come!



December

21 Christmas Party



This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 5 - World Communion

9:00 A.M. Worship Service

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts, Rm. B205

5:30 P.M. Youth

Monday, October 6

11:00 A.M. Bible Study

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

6:45 P.M. Circle 3, Maddin Hutto's House

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg, Stewart-Clayton Rm.

5:00 P.M. Tower Ringers

5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Program

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 9

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

Friday, October 10

12:00 P.M. AA Meeting

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

THE SESSION
Rev. John Brock Moderator
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2026

Glen Davidson, Sr.
Jim Fisher
Ben Hunter
Bob Lence
Corey Littrell
Helen Monts
Aubre Wells

Class of 2027

Heather Crotwell
Amanda Davis
Beth Anne Ellzey
Mac Godwin
Mary Margaret Gratz
Debra Robison
Liz Rose

Class of 2028

Jim Bruce
Tatum Collins
Lee Herman
Trey Phyfer
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Toliver
Kathy Wallace

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Brock, Pastor
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
John Buchman, Audio/Visual Technician
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian
MJ Whitt, Church Secretary
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