

First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street
Tupelo, Mississippi



THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO:

Learn the Word of God in worship and study.

Live the Word of God in our homes and communities.

Lead others to the Word of God in love.

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Morning Worship Service

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2025

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”

- PSALM 51:10

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* BENEDETTO MARCELLO

INTROIT *Communion of Grace* PATTI DRENNAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our hiding place, our helper in trouble.

Our Savior surrounds us in times of distress.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous!

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, You are our Creator and Redeemer,

slow to anger and rich in compassion.

You know our weakness and remember that we are dust.

We praise You for Your steadfast love revealed in Jesus Christ,

who welcomes the lost, forgives the sinner,

and restores us to Your family with joy.

Receive our worship and renew our hearts by Your Spirit,

that we may delight in Your presence and reflect your mercy.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord desires truth in the inward being

and invites us to come with contrite hearts.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
We know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain us with Your willing Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

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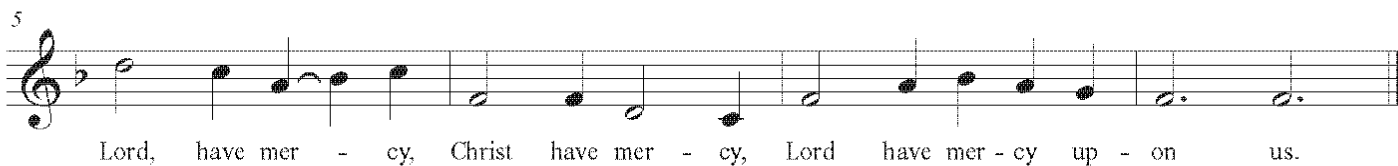
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

America folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

arr. Richard Proulx



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, restored, and made new.
Thanks be to God!

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. Amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

***For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 15:11-32

PEW BIBLE, PG. 78

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

CARL F. MUELLER

***Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.***

*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 51

PEW BIBLE, PG. 520

SERMON

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

REV. JOHN BROCK

*STATEMENT OF FAITH — *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 505 *Be Know to Us in Breaking Bread*

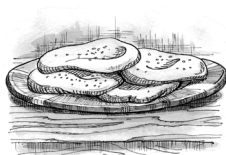
ST. FLAVIAN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

DALE WOOD



*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PLEDGES

Generous God,

**You have poured out mercy upon mercy,
and we are humbled by Your grace.**

**Take these gifts and use them
so that others may know the joy of Your forgiveness
and the abundance of Your steadfast love.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND 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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(see insert)

RESTORATION

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

JOHANN WALTHER

*BENEDICTION



Joseph Hart

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Traditional

1. Come, ye sin- ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun ded, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thir- sty, come, and wel- come, God's free boun-ty— glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea- ry,— hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

5

Je - sus re - ady stands to save_ you, Full of pi - ty,— love, and pow'r.
True be - lief_ and true re - pen - tence, Ev' - ry grace that_ brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver_ come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel_ your need of Him.

9

I will a-rise and_ go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me_ in His arms;

13

In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are_ ten_ thou-sand charms.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship or email him at pastor@firstprestupelo.org.

Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

Ritual of friendship — Members and Visitors: Please sign the attendance register and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the FPC Children's Ministry Staff and Volunteers by Amanda, Julia, and Will Davis. Thank you for sharing your time and your talents!

All children are welcome in worship! Children's activity bags and special bulletins are available for all ages and are located with our regular worship bulletins in the Narthex. Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time. After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "Wee Kirk." This is a time of fun childcare with age-appropriate songs and games.

Children in first through fifth grade are invited to join our Sunday version of Faithbuilder's during the 11:00 A.M. Sunday service. This fall, we will meet weekly through December 14 to give us extra time to prepare for the Joy Gift program. We meet **after the children's sermon** for a fun and engaging time of learning about the structure of our church service, with activities to help kids grow in their understanding and participation in worship. If your child attends, you can pick them up in the gym area after the service.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.com by those unable to be with us this morning. Search firstprestupelo. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. John Brock, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00: Trey Phyfer

11:00: Debra Robison

Greeters: 9:00: Lisa Nichols, Jill White, Teresa Biddle

11:00: Beverly Chappell, Judy Thomas, Will & Amanda Davis

Crucifers: 9:00: Joey McDuffie

11:00: Ren Crowell

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will NOT meet this Monday, November 10. We will resume meeting in the Bolton/Sistahood Room on Monday, January 5 with our Intro to Acts.

In Worship during the month of November, we will focus on the theme of *Confess*. For November 16, the mini-theme will also be *"Repent: As Communities,"* and our scripture passages will be from **Psalm 119:105, Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 22:36-40, Micah 6:6-8, Luke 3:1-14, and Colossians 3:12-17.**



Sign up by noon Wednesday to hold your place for our Wednesday Night Supper and Program using the QR Code provided, using today's Attendance Register, or by calling the church office at 662-842-5681. The cost for supper is \$7 per person, and the menu includes Presly's Red Beans and Rice, Fried and Grilled Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Tater Tots, Pasta Salad, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, and Assorted Desserts! **Our program** will be "The Doniphan Dance Project" by Roxie Clayton. We hope to see you in the Fellowship Hall for supper and fellowship at **5:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 12!**

Operation Christmas Child is winding down! **Sunday, November 9** all packed boxes are due back to the church. Any donations are asked to be submitted by November 9, as well. This will allow for the youth to shop and pack boxes in advance of dedication Sunday. On behalf of Anne Kramer and Morgan Ricks, **thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to the Operation Christmas Child effort!**

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Joy Hyatt, Betty Nash, Ruby Kathryn Patterson

College Students: Olivia Reynolds, Walt Rose, Jenkins Wells

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.: 197

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$17,025

Amount Received 11/2/25: \$5,510

YTD Budgeted Income: \$936,357

YTD Income Received: \$886,340

Special Veterans' Day Service

Tuesday, November 11

In the Stuart Garden

10:00 A.M.



This Week at FOC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

COMMUNION & 2 CENTS A MEAL

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM

5:30 P.M. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS DAY

9:00 A.M. T'ai CHI CHIH

10:00 A.M. SPECIAL VETERANS SERVICE IN THE GARDEN

10:00 A.M. MARTHAS COOKING, KITCHEN

12:00 P.M. CIRCLE 24, SHEFFIELD

2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM

6:00 P.M. CIRCLE 5, BUSYLAD

7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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 - DONIPHAN DANCE PROJECT

7:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST, HILTON GARDEN INN

2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM

6:00 P.M. WORKING TOGETHER MS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:00 P.M. AA MEETING

2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM

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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
John Buchman, Audio/Visual Technician
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian
MJ Whitt, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Penny O'Quinn, Morning Receptionist
Lucy Wells, Afternoon Receptionist
Ricky Kimbrell, Maintenance Superintendent
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

